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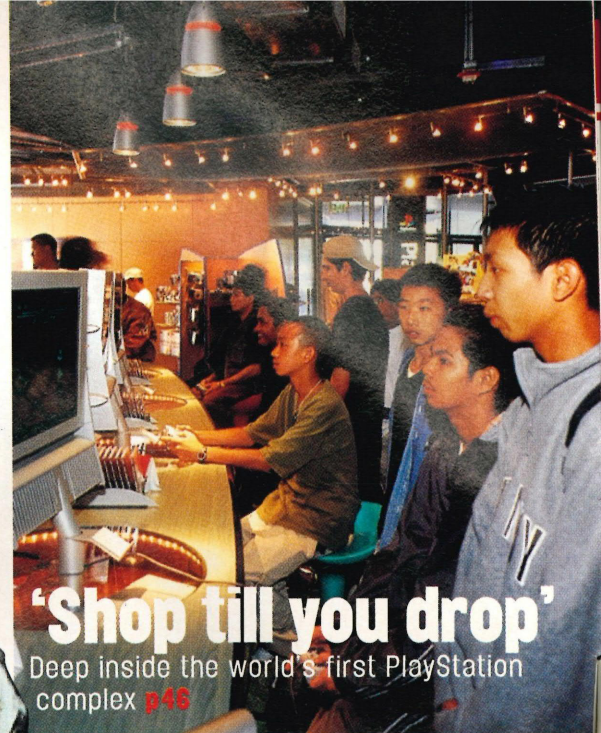


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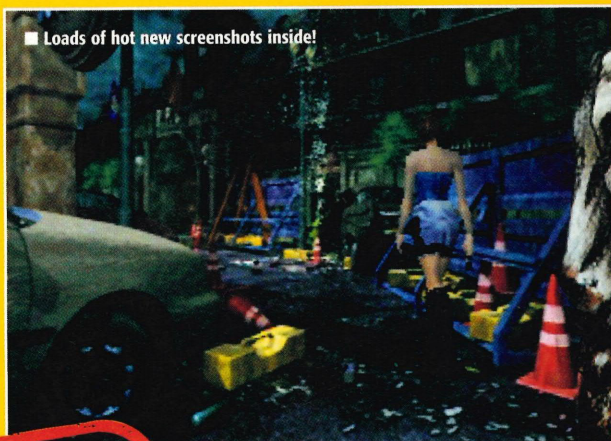


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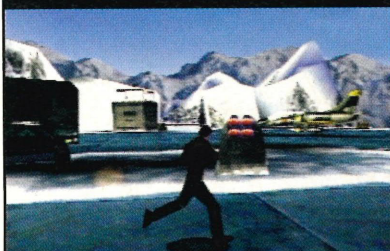
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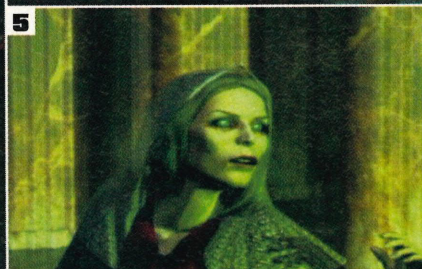
Silent, violent and frightening

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Silent & Violent

*It's the sickest, most disturbing game ever!
Form an orderly queue, gentlemen*

The little town of Silent Hill's gone all silent. Except for the gurgling cries of killer anteaters and skinless dogs. You're stuck in the middle of it, armed only with a square jaw. Then some copper gives you a gun. And that's going to mean a whole lot of anteater claret hitting the carpet before sundown...



1 The town of Silent Hill has been taken over by skinless dogs 2 So grab your handgun and get going 3 Dismembered corpses hanging from fences are all part of the fun 4 Take down evil nurses with a pump-action 12-gauge 5 A mad witch you will certainly bump into 6 And a rather tasty young nurse. Birthday!

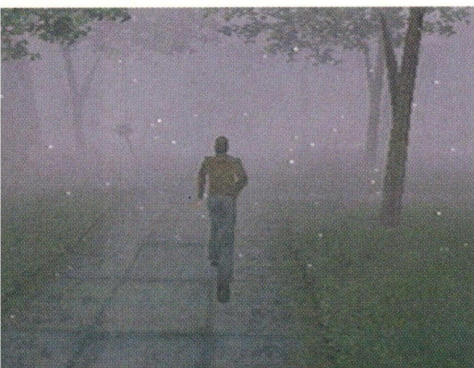
■ **OUT NOW** ■ **BY KONAMI** ■ **COSTS** £39.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD
■ **WE LOOK AT** SICK BITS, KILLER ANTEATERS, GUNS, PUZZLES, POEMS AND THE PLOT

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The Works: Silent Hill first test

So what's this then?

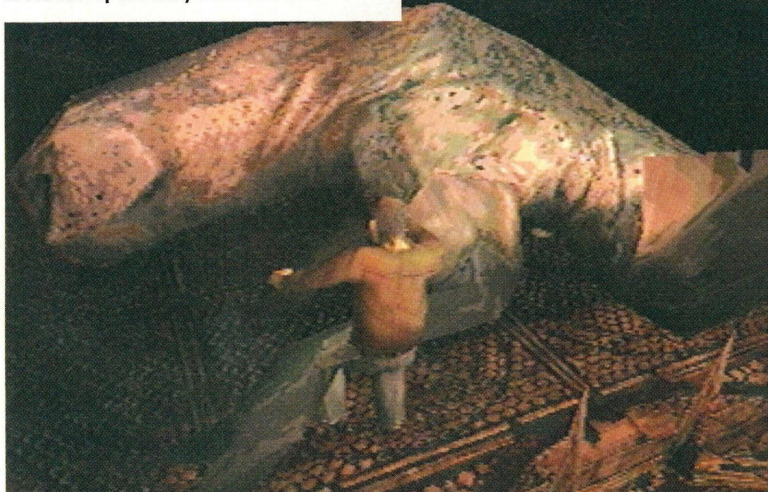
Horror, basically. This is a 3D adventure complete with skinless dogs, anteaters of death and giant man-eating maggots. You wander round a deserted mid-western town, and through the hellish underworld lurking beneath it, solving puzzles, talking to folks and taking down hundreds of mutant beasts with high-powered assault weaponry. All in a day's work.



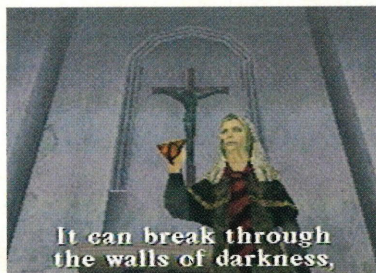
■ You start up in a misty abandoned town



■ Things Are Not What They Seem. Pretty soon, you're being assaulted by demon doctors



■ There's plenty plot lines to get to grips with, and plenty giant beasts to slay



■ Loads of odd objects to put in your bag



■ Plenty of evil little gits to slay

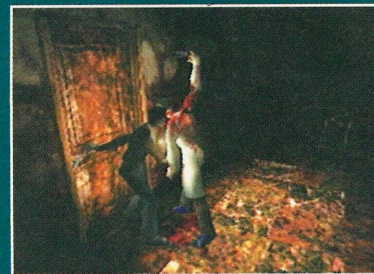
What we don't like

A flaw unto itself

The aiming system is flawed beyond belief. You'll be jumped by marauding anteater things and you'll start letting rip with the 9mm. As you do. But the aiming system means that you keep pumping lead into the same anteater long after it's dead, while all its mates are clawing the hell out of your ankles.



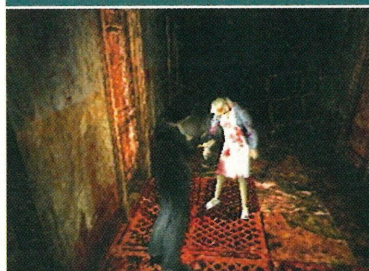
■ It's hard to stop shooting the first bad guy



■ So you keep blasting dead things

Resident Evil too

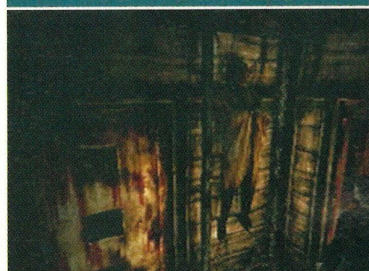
The gore fiends amongst you probably know what we're about to say here. This is VERY similar to Resident Evils 1 and 2. Basically, the 'small town is besieged by zombies' plot is the same, the 'kill things, find keys' gameplay is the same. Even the visuals are similar. And if you're looking for something to tide you over till Resident Evil 3, you could do a lot worse.



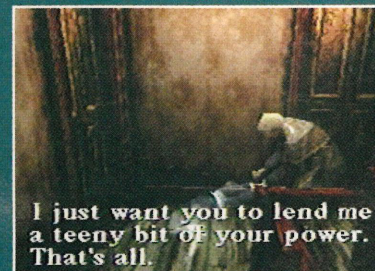
■ The gameplay is slightly different



■ But the idea and the visuals are similar



■ Some of Silent Hill's atmos is even better than Res Evil. Check the bondage bloke!



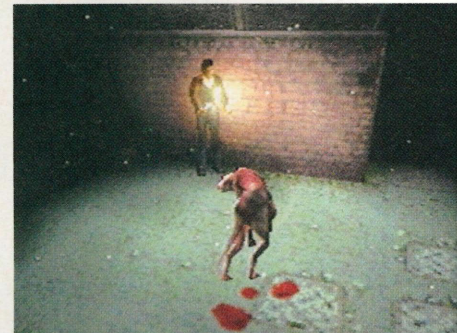
■ The acting in Silent Hill is laughably bad: just like Resident Evil!

Fights

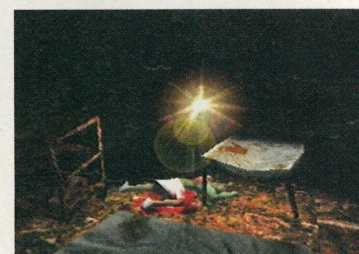
You go head to head against the legions of the damned armed with weapons ranging from kitchen knives to hunting rifles. Usually, the zombie/demon dog/giant worm will take a couple of hits before going down, then writhe for a while on the ground before getting up for seconds. You have three options. Wait and kill 'em again, shoot 'em while they're down or just kick 'em to death.



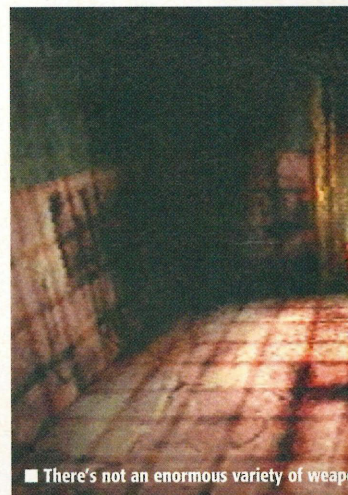
■ Most enemies will drop down and twitch



■ Pop em, drop em. But don't turn your back



■ You have to kick them when they're down



■ There's not an enormous variety of weapons on offer, but the axe is cool as a cucumber

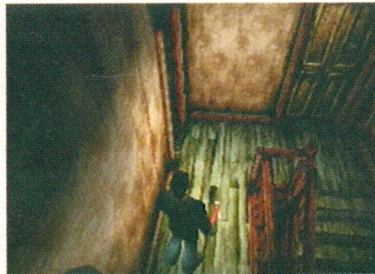
'Sinister. Ugly. Depraved. Superb'

Nonsense

Thing is, the game really does have some nice atmospheric locations. It's got some cool demonspawn for you to treat to cold steel or hot lead. But the emphasis is a tad off-kilter here. In Res Evil, you were constantly thinking about death and ammo. Here, you're constantly thinking about abstract poems and where the next key's coming from. Ouch.



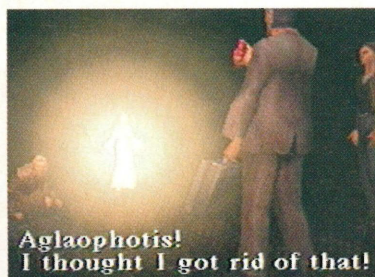
■ A lot of the enemies are just penny annoyances



■ Wandering around empty places. Very dull



■ Work out the puzzle and the game progresses



■ Most puzzles are MUCH harder than Res Evil

Puzzles

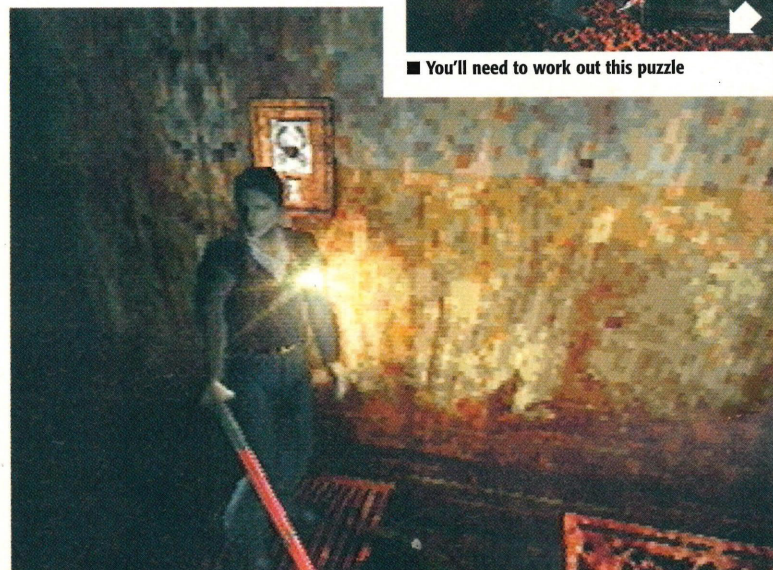
Puzzles are the main bit of Silent Hill. The fights feel a bit tacked on, simply because the approach to most of the monsters is the same, so taking them down is no big deal. Gameplay progresses whenever you get through a door, and the real trouble you'll have is finding the right key, rather than messily slaying whatever's standing next to it...



■ Find the Amulet of Ashtaroth



■ You'll need to work out this puzzle

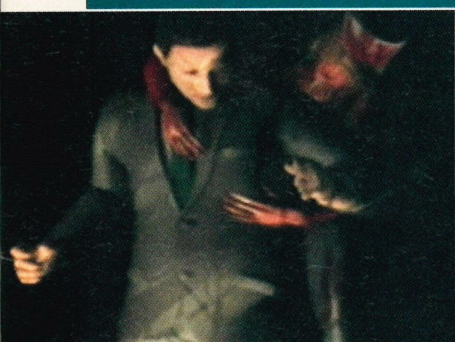


■ You'll be tearing your hair out to get to the bottom of the legs puzzle, mark our words

What we like

With a twist of twisted

Crude childlike graffiti which says words like 'Kill'. Masked blokes chained to the walls. Dismembered carcasses hanging up in cupboards. Evil shadow-babies with knives. Yup, the reason this game's grabbed us is how strong it is on the 'Jesus Christ what IS that?' front. Sinister. Ugly. Depraved. Superb.



■ Blood-covered nurse goes tonto



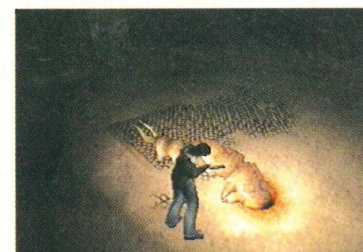
■ Burning ladies are just part of the decor



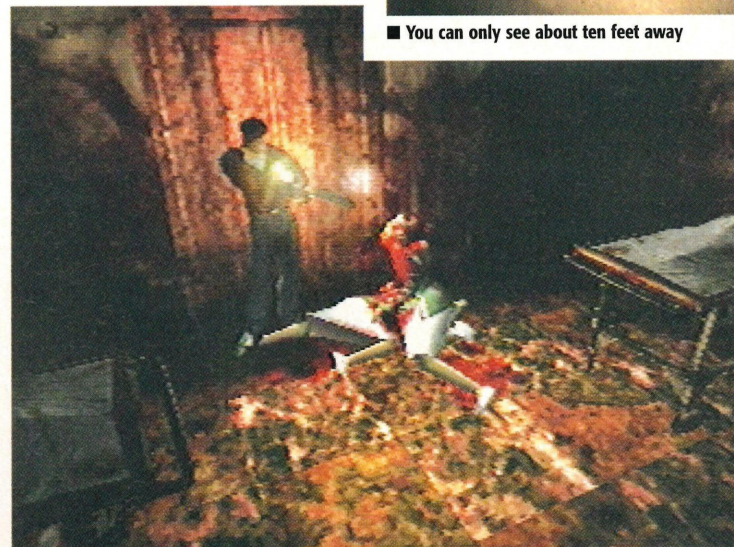
■ Huge demonic symbols are scrawled all over the shop. But what do they mean?

Oh my God, they killed... everybody!

Eerie? Oh yes. What's so cool about the settings in Silent Hill is that they're real life places like schools and hospitals, but totally deserted. Spook factor ten. And the transitions to the dark versions of the world, where everything's the same but slightly warped are as cool as. And the constant darkness and mist add a nice splash of fear to the mix. We like.



■ You can only see about ten feet away



■ You have to rely on your radio which buzzes when there's enemies near

The Works: Silent Hill first test

Two worlds

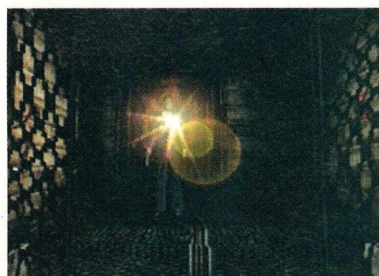
The game starts off in a 'real' version of Silent Hill, except all the people have vanished and there's unusual flora and fauna around like evil plant things and skinless dogs. Later, you'll find portals to the 'dark world', which is a twisted version of the real world. You'll use the bridge between the two worlds to solve puzzles. Cunning.



■ The dark world. Nobody nice lives there



■ In the dark world, the decor's pure goth



■ You can get to new places in the dark world



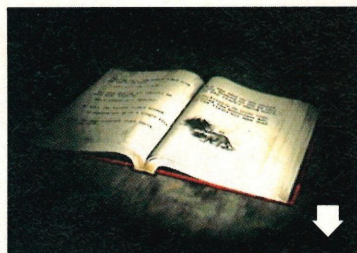
■ Keys are quite often hidden in the dark world



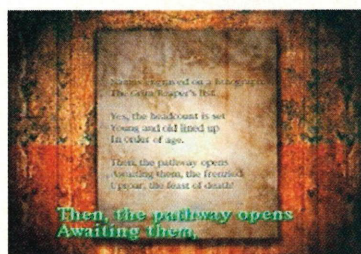
■ Or you'll get transported there and have to escape by finding a portal back to 'normal' Silent Hill

Exploring

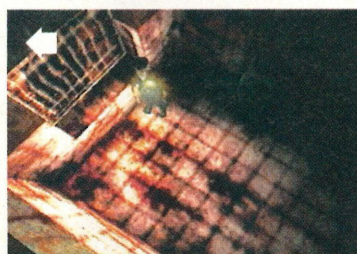
You spend a lot of your time doing this. In most areas, you get a map fairly early on, and you can then navigate around it, finding objects and using them in the appropriate place so you can get keys and stuff. There'll usually be a couple of object puzzles to get through, then you'll hit paydirt with a new key. Open the door with your new-found trophy, and off you trot to pastures new.



■ You have to grab whatever objects there are



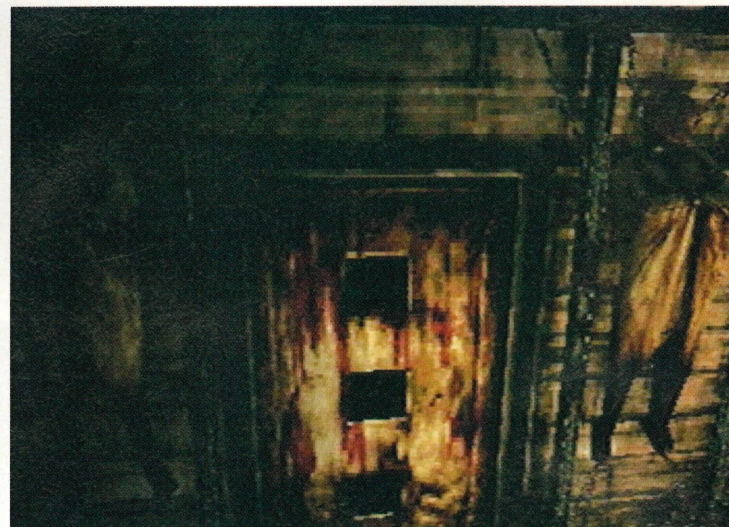
■ Then grab the key and head on out of there



■ Figure out how to use the objects

Two worlds part two

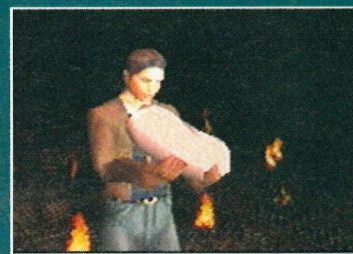
The thing is, although the dark world (which you'll get to either by using odd doors, or just by waking up there) is broadly the same as the real world, but there'll either be keys there you can't get realside, or some details will be different. 'Details? You what?' Well, here's a detail we prepared earlier:



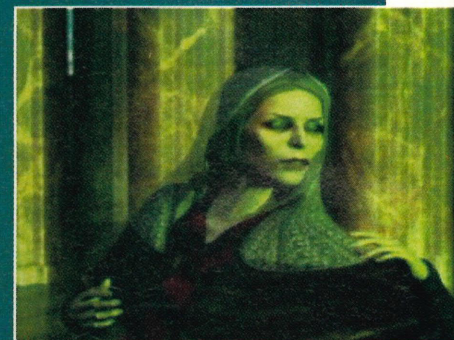
■ In the real world this door is a childish scrawl on the wall: darkside, it's a real door

Plot

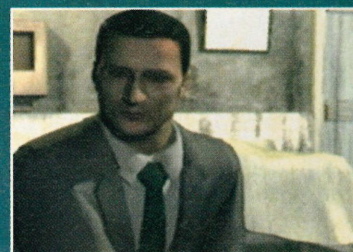
The plot in your average videogame is usually confused, irrelevant or just plain stupid. Silent Hill's plot is all three of these. Drugs, Satanism, human sacrifice and the trusty 'medical experiment gone wrong' plotline show up. In no particular order. But hey. It's a game, so nobody cares, right? Right?



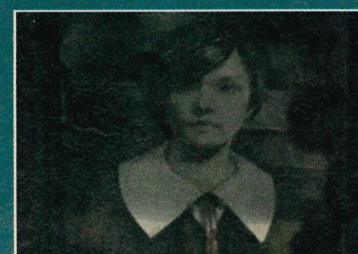
■ It's all about finding your daughter



■ This witch starts to hand out advice



■ This doctor has his finger in many pies



■ Alessa. The key to the whole plot



■ We've completed the whole thing, and we still don't understand it

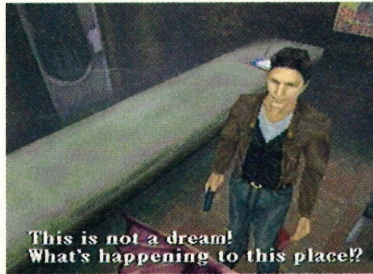
'Drugs, Satanism, human sacrifice!'

Speech

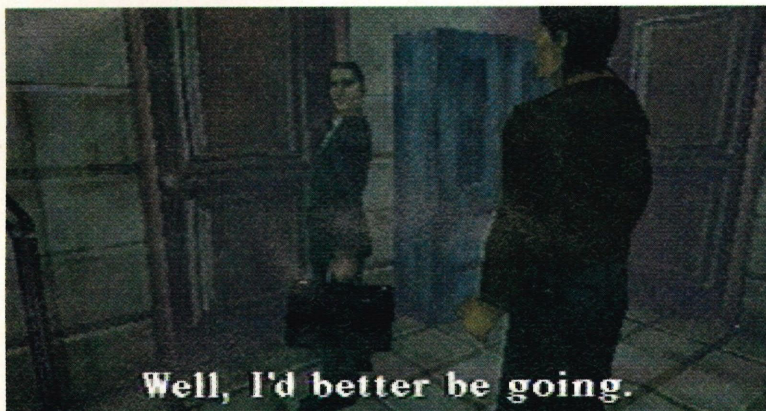
We'd like to say that the speech in Silent Hill creates a brooding goth atmosphere that chills you to the marrow. But we can't. In fact, a lot of the speech and cutscenes are cod gothic crud and were plainly translated by people who learnt English off the back of cereal packets. Highlights include a moment when a witch-type woman says 'The time is neigh'.



■ You get disappointingly little nice vid stuff



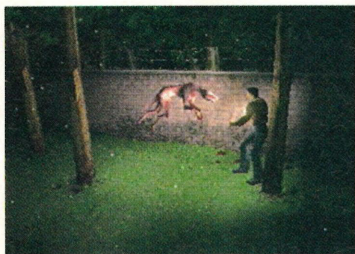
■ The game cutscenes are poorly-written



■ Some of them are silent, too. We've no idea why. In some, the sound just cuts halfway through

Big toothy... things

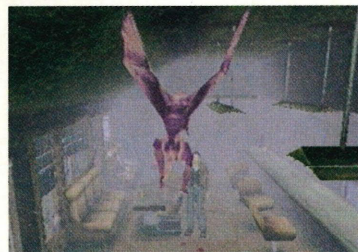
Sadly, the monsters in the American version of Silent Hill which looked just like little foetuses with knives have bitten the dust. We get silly anteater things with huge claws instead. But there are still some cool monsters in there, although there's not that many different kinds. Check these cute li'l hellspawns out...



■ Dogs. Fast runners, but don't do much



■ Deadly when they're close up, but slow



■ Flying things are difficult to shoot



■ Beetles. Possibly the most annoying thing in the world



■ Lisa the nurse: is she all that she seems?

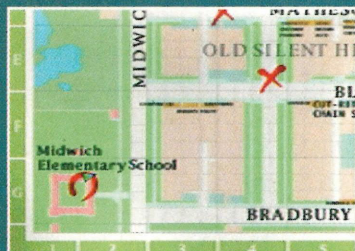
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So here's what you do

Don't go thinking Silent Hill is going to be this balls-out gunfest where death lurks round every corner. Not so. A lot of the enemies are just penny annoyances which nip at you as you're trying to find the 'Key of Shoggroth' or some other nonsense. Gameplay goes a little something like this:



■ Work out which objects to use where



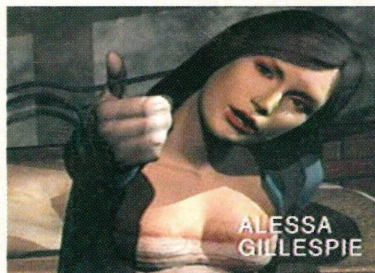
■ Consult the map to check where to go



■ Head places, use bits of your object collection to solve puzzles, then grab the map/key/gun

Guts and glory

People expecting Resident Evil levels of organ-rupturing bloodshed might be disappointed here. Sure, there's blood, and some bits are absolutely grotesque - demon nurse a la woodman's axe, anyone? - but things do just end to fall down with just a couple of drops of claret dripping off them. No luck this time, exploding head fans.



■ The brooding goth atmos is cool as



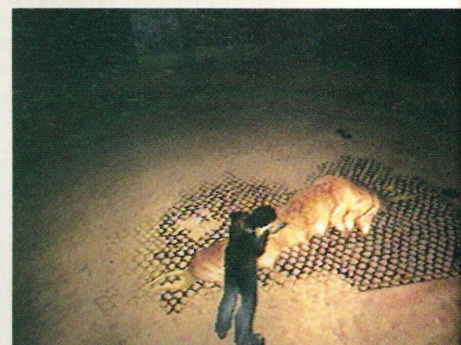
■ Things don't fall to bits like they do in Res Evil. They just splatter, then it's curtains

Bosses

Oops. The bosses here are really, really lame. We've got a crap lizard, a maggot (seriously), a not-particularly-giant moth, and a winged imp thing that just floats there like it's hanging on a string from the ceiling. Oh dear. All of 'em are way too easy, boring to fight and crap to look at. Nil points.



■ A wingy thing. The last boss, and it's pissant



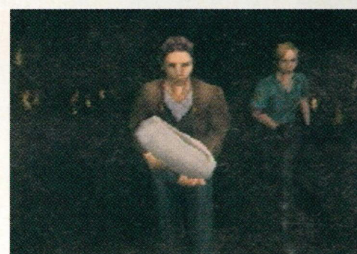
■ A giant lizard. Total bollix



■ A lizard. It lumbers around very slowly. You shoot it. It dies. Very easy, very dull

Poetry? You what?

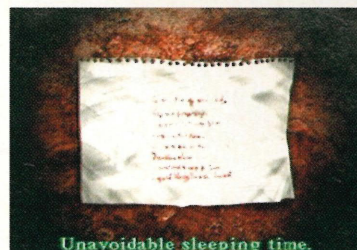
You read that right. Most of it is on walls, or next to sequences of buttons that look like they might open secret doors. The poems dictate which way you use items, or which way you slot them into a wall. Be warned. Some of 'em are very abstract.



■ The piano puzzle will cause you anguish



■ And some of them will REALLY require you to put your thinking cap on



■ Poetry. Very bad poetry, no less

POEMS GIVING YOU GRIEF?

Turn to page 50 where we bust open the worst Silent Hill puzzles.

Strong on the atmosphere, very strong. And there's some real frights in there. But the combat's limp, some of the puzzles are crud and the storyline's just odd. Rob

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■ 'In my left hand, a bloody large gun. In my right, another large gun. Now beg like a puppy'

NORKS A LORDY!

A while back you wrote an article on Playstation "hard nuts", the winning hard nut being none other than Duke Nukem. I thought it would be good if you guys produced another hard nut contest but for Playstation girls.

Think of it. Lara, Claire from Res 2, Cybil from Silent Hill, Nina from Tekken 3 and many more fighting it out in a ladies competition.

Keep up the good work lads!

Tim Tonkin, email

'CHILLI SAUCE WITH THAT?'

The June issue of Playstation Plus made my sister froth at the gob and my girlfriend retch. It was your awesome Soul Reaver image with the zombie being skewered by a spear. I cracked up. When I stuck it up on my wall, the crap really hit the fan - the missus wouldn't stay over! Any more cool stuff coming? Big ta to you boys!

Andy Fincher, Croydon

Some bloke called Dr Faustus wrote a similar letter except he described the zombie as being 'impaled on a steak'. Our next two covers will feature Res Evil's Claire

pursued by veal and Lara Croft being assaulted with a Linda McCartney Quorn sausage.

JORDAN BENNETT!

Respect to you lot who I met at Max Power Live. Your tips fella Rich was a grand league help when I asked him about Tomb Raider III tips but I'm sorry if I became distracted. Jordan in shorts and with pigtails brushed past me. Can you give those tips to me again?

Eddy Harris, Solihull

Rich says: 'Yes. If you're brushed past by Jordan, punch the air in mock-American manner, thrust hips in and out, grin like a roast dog and slump to the floor like a dropped eclair. At least that's what I did.'

GRAND THEFT OR TWO?

Saw David Crane's moan about Grand Theft Auto London in last month's Verbal. What I don't understand is why you have to have Grand Theft Auto to play GTA London?

Peter Saritzky, Aberdeen

Letter number 68 on this one. The Playstation Plus answer is: because if you don't, you can't tell just how rotten the graphics are.

FEELING KOURNY

Is there a Anna Kournikova Fan Club address that I can contact for more information about the leggy Russian? And is Rally Masters, the game you claim will challenge Colin McRae and V-Rally 2, based on the British Rally Championship at all? I heard talk last year of a game being developed based on it.

Colin Hastie, Stirling

Serious Hornikova fans should check out the www.annak.org website if they want to know everything from her inside leg measurement ('baggy hold the top end of the tape!') to back hand style. Rally Masters isn't based on the BRC and is a licence of the end-of-season Michelin Race of Champions held in the Canary Islands. Champs like McRae and Makinen go head-to-head in identical cars for two laps. Bit like late night at your MFI car park but with rich people.

'I'M RIGHT, YOU'S WRONG'

I came to your Freebie Frenzy at Max Power Live and picked up some stuff 'cos I guessed where Posh and Becks were getting married that weekend. But you messed up the answer to the question 'What is Fatboy Slim's real name?'. It's Norman Cook but you didn't give any prize out. What's going on?

Kerry Barnwell, Isle of Wight

Wrong again Kerry. Give us that first prize back. Fatboy's real name is Quentin Norman Cook so we're sitting on a spare copy of Smash Court Tennis. First right answer to 'How many languages is C-3PO fluent in?' gets it.

MALIBU AND TANGO

While we were playing Worms round at my house, my mate Tiny passed out after drinking Malibu and Tango. Tell him he's a ponce.

Jon Trent, Cardiff

Ponce.

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NON-GENTS

What kind of twat would spend three grand sticking their Playstation in the back of their car (Joypad Machine, July)? For starters, you always feel sick in the back. So a headrest-mounted Playstation is hardly going put a lid on your throat. Second, the backs of cars are made for shagging. And no class babe is going to take kindly to catching her gusset on a multitap. Finally, if I had three kay to burn, I'd buy some awesome Technics hi-fi kit, a comfy sofa and life would be a peach.

Yours indoors,

Torque Venison, Wootton Bassett, Wilts

Check out next month's compo featuring a three-piece suite from World of Velour.

RIDE TO WORK ON ASPRILLA?

Surely if I write 'That Aprilia's Mine' on my entry to your cool scoots competition then that's a legally binding contract and I should win one?

Dave 'Desperate-for-Wheels' Armitage, Stockton-on-Tees

Unfortunately, you wrote 'That Asprilla's Mine' but we've forwarded your claim to Colombia from where his family will write to you shortly. The three winners of the compo will be named in next month's issue.



SHE SHOULD BE LARA

'Lara's Live Bikini Action' stuff last month looked hot and if the stuff you showed moves as good as that Lucozade ad then the movie should be cool. But I haven't heard whether the film's computer generated or real life. My vote for a real life Lara goes to the Ann Summers babe you featured - that Lara Weller who's knocking about everywhere looks about as genuine as Dale Winton playing rugby.

Anish Krishnama, Wolverhampton

The Lara movie is live action but we've heard they haven't even cast it yet. We agree with you, our metallic-undies missy here looks just the part, but why do these girls insist on wearing stuff so obviously too small? Oh well...



LES BE FRIENDS

What happened to Zoe and Teri, the two lesbians who always used to write in to your letters page? Me and my mates kind of miss them. Have they stopped writing, or have you lot just stopped printing their letters?

A Z-and-T fan, Leeds

Sadly Zoe and Teri stopped writing a while back. Maybe having a pack of drooling and occasionally deranged single males discussing every word they wrote seventeen times over wasn't their cup of tea. Whatever.

But if you're out there girls, drop us a line, OK?

KILLA GORILLA

For the last few weeks I've been trying to give up smoking and I always find it impossible not to smoke if I have a drink. So every evening I've been sitting indoors with my PlayStation, not seeing anybody and working my way through the import version of Final Fantasy VIII with a translation sheet. After a couple of weeks of staring at pages of Japanese text and downloading tips sheets off of odd websites, I've become worried that I was much better off killing myself with fags.

Teddy Westlake, by email

Winners don't play import games. And we're glad you've realised that soon enough. Go out, drag down a lungful of poison and feel grateful.

STOP TREK

A bit back you said there was a Star Trek game in the pipeline. What's happened to it? Has it been cancelled? If so, there are eight Star Trek games on PC. Any idea if there are plans to put them on PlayStation?

Ian Gregg, by email

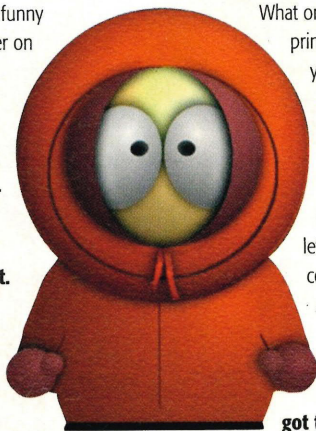
Starfleet Academy was due out last year but was canned when they realised the PlayStation couldn't handle it. There's none in the pipe as far as we know. Sorry.

SOUTH PARP

A mate's got South Park on N64 and if the PlayStation game is the same then it ain't gonna be worth £40. Yeah, it's funny pluggin' turkeys and some of the lines are cool but that's about it. The show's really good but it only last 25 minutes an episode which is about as long as you can get out of South Park. And it's easy. When are we going to get a really funny game with staying power on PlayStation?

Kevin Crabbe, London

There's loadsa 'funny' games on the 'Station, as in 'funny-cheesy' but if you're talkin' 'funny ha-ha' then yep, you're right. The only ones we could think of are Abe's 'fartin' Exodds, Parappa's barkin' lyrics and...er...that's it. South Parp will be a good crack but even better would be 'Punch Jar Jar Binks till he Begs for Mercy' or 'Make Noel Edmonds Die'.



Thus preventing ourselves from having to grind round the same six tracks hundreds and hundreds of times. If your head's screwed on straight, you'll do the same. Comprenez?

BABY... MAYBE

What on earth were you doing printing a picture of a baby in your mag? They don't go printing pictures of zombies with stakes through them in Mother and Baby. Please reply to my letter and no sarky comments, thanks.

Mike Wilson,

Stoke-on-Trent

We've had a chat about it, got the guy who did it and forced him to dig his own grave.

RIDGE RACER 4

Has anybody managed to get the Pac-Man car in Ridge Racer 4? I've been trying for a month and I'm stuck at about 170 cars. I'm getting pretty sick of racing round the same tracks as well. Do you have a memory card with it on that you could send me? And please tell me that there are some extra tracks.

Stuart White, Falkirk

Being the bunch of dishonest gits we are, we got the Pac-Man car by hammering in a few digits on the Blaze X-Plorer cartridge we keep stuck in the back of our 'Station.

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ROB WAUGH: A STATEMENT

I wish to apologise to debt collectors, lawyers, landlords, Lloyds Bank and former friends for the fiscal carnage I have brought upon them. One day they'll get paid. Until then, piss off!



Stuff you need to know



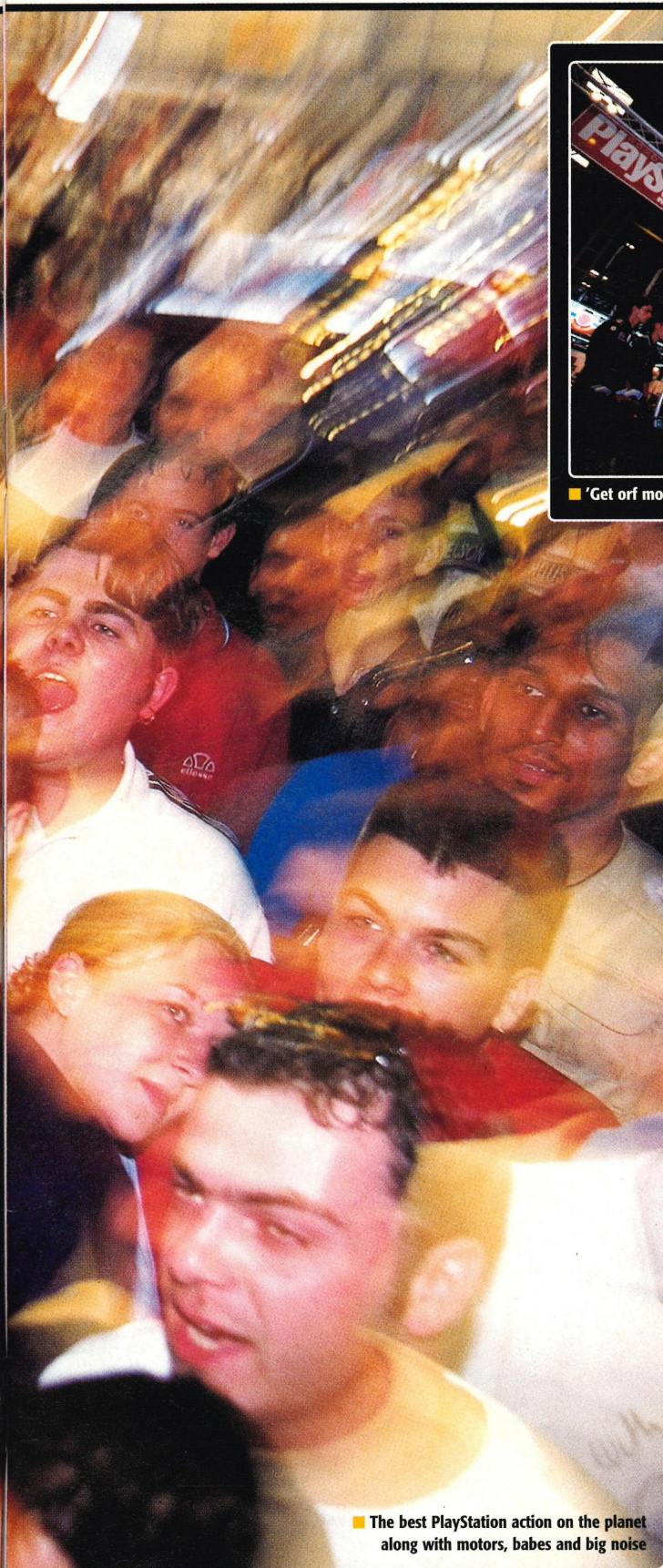
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s one Gran Turismo competitor put it: 'This is brilliant - cars, loadsa games and Jordan'.

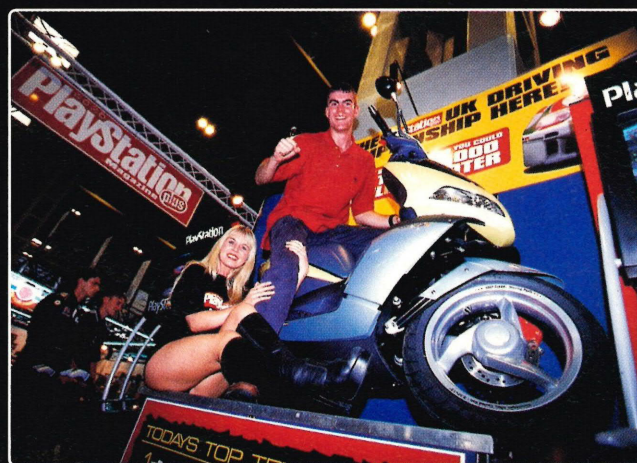
Too blimmin' right. The biggest driving game championship in the UK hit Birmingham's NEC in July as part of Max Power Live. There were 30,000 of us there, fuelled up by modded motors, stunning ladies and some hardcore lap times on the king of racers, Gran Turismo.

The PlayStation Plus stand dished up a world exclusive chance to play the new Wip3out along with Driver and V-Rally 2. Everyone got big-eyed at the hot pants on Plus lovelies Sam and Susie who were doling out free games and goodies from the stand. Whaddya mean you weren't there? Check this out then.

YOU HAD TO



■ The best PlayStation action on the planet along with motors, babes and big noise



■ 'Get off my leg!': Mark O'Shea beat all-comers on Gran Turismo to win the scooter

THE GRAN TURISMO KING

The chance to set a record on Gran Turismo's High Speed Ring in an unmodded automatic Nissan Skyline drew hundreds of entries over the three day championship. There were moans like 'why can't I mod my car to 975bhp?' But to sort the men from the boys it was kept fair. Average times for the top 10 came in around 1.48 with a few 1.47s in there.

It was Brum student Mark O'Shea, claiming he was 'rusty' cos I haven't played for five months', who scraped the fastest time with a 1.47.091 (you try it). He pipped Mark Readings and scooped a £2,000 Aprilia Area 51 scooter. Readings and Kent fella Eric Stein picked up runner-up prizes of games worth around £400.

RAPID RACERS, CLASS GIRLS AND RUDE MOTORS RULED AT THE DRIVING GAME CHAMPIONSHIP AT MAX POWER LIVE

GIMME, GIMME, GIMME

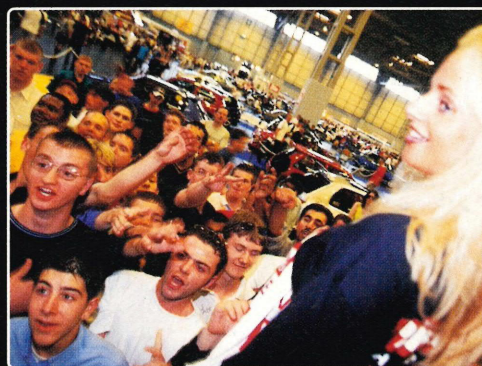
The freebie frenzies saw five grand's worth of games, gear and goodies handed out in our quick-fire quiz.

A few wise guys knew Lara's cup size - 36D - everyone knew who Catherine Zeta-Moans is going out with, and nobody knew Kelly Brook's real name (Parsons if you must know).

We owe a big ta to our mates at Gamester who gave us £1,500 of their quality Dual Force steering wheels and joypads plus memory cards. And Datel stumped up loads of their top-of-the-range Equaliser cheat cartridges. Copies of V-Rally 2, Tomb Raider 3, Gex, UEFA Champions League, Driver, Metal Gear Solid, ISS Pro 98 and Syphon Filter were also served up by Sam and Susie.



■ Freebie meltdown at the PlayStation Plus quick-fire quiz



■ Shall we get you the right-sized hot pants Susie?

BABESVILLE!

What would Jordan do if it was her last night on earth? Well, your imagination won't come close to what her disgraceful answer on the main stage was (like lucky Eddie Irvine, you had to be there).

Max Power Live was Babedom Central and not just 'cos of Jo Guest, Jordan and other class acts. If we had a quid for each of the skirts we clocked two inches shy of illegal then we'd be millionaires. The bottom line is, there'll be only one place on earth worth being at same time next year - see ya there.

BE THERE!

Blab

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Resident Evil 3 shots you won't see anywhere else, the first look at Tomorrow Never Dies plus all the hot news and cool pics on the best games of the next few months. Awesome!



■ Grab your rocket launcher and slide off after the baddies

■ OUT OCTOBER ■ BY ELECTRONIC ARTS ■ PLAYERS 1-2 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Tomorrow Never Dies

At long last 007 blasts onto the PlayStation. Super-gadgets, muscled-up motors and seriously spyadelic action. Want a piece? Join the Q...

The wait for 007's first 'Station based adventure is almost over. In a few months we'll all be able to slip into his tuxedo, play with his gadgets and drive his cars in this action effort that's loaded with more different kinds of gameplay than you can shake a stick at.

The man that can

The film was released ages ago, so let's refresh you on the plot: evil press Baron Elliot Carver is pitting the British against the Chinese, sending the two powers careering towards world War III. Bond has obviously got to step in and sort this mess out. But

while the game follows the same story as the film, expect a few new twists along the way.

All action hero

The game offers you the chance to play as either Bond or Wei Lin, the Chinese agent from the movie. The action's spread over 14 missions, using many of the locations from the film, such as the Carver Medical Centre and the Hotel Atlantic. During the missions, Bond will pad around on foot, ski and drive big James Bond-y cars. Nice.

Q-gadgets

With Bond we expect only the best gadgets. And the man known only as Q doesn't let techno-fiends down. You've got access to wicked gear like exploding cuff-links, microscopic tracking devices and ski-pole rocket launchers. Add to this a basic kit containing infra-red goggles, snipers rifle, a camera and his Walther PPK pistol and you're looking at a one-man army. Eat your heart out, Solid Snake.

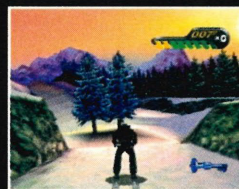
plus Loads of variety and coolio graphics. This is really going to rock the 'Station.



■ Wipe out the enemy troops in this first-person shooty bit



■ Keep on the move while you grease the bad guys, otherwise Bond'll take serious damage



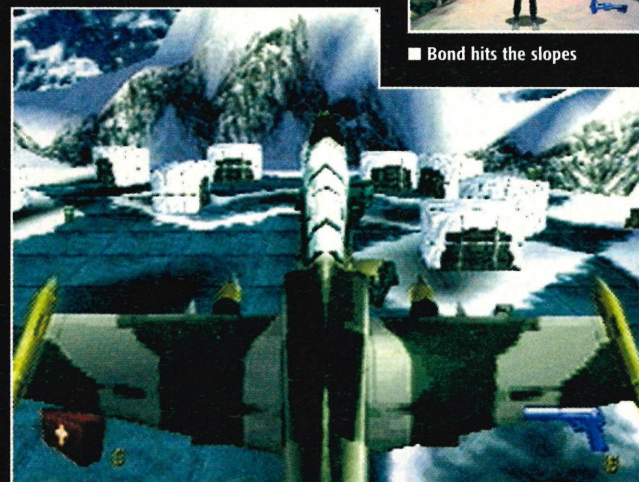
■ Bond hits the slopes



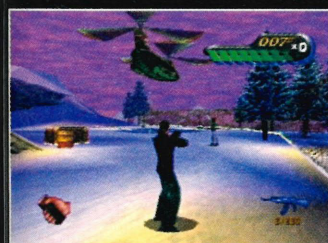
■ Huge explosions. What'd you expect? It's James Bond



■ Use big machine-guns to take down commies



■ Recognise the bit from the opening of the film? It's spot on



■ Bond takes on a massive attack chopper. Brave lad



■ Your trusty Walther PPK will serve you well



■ The massive open areas are sharp to look at and loaded with gun-toting baddies

Resident Evil 3 Nemesis

More zombies! More guns! More death! The game of your dreams is back.

They said it couldn't be done. Then they did it anyway. Yup, the Resident Evil people have pulled another sequel out of the hat and it's looking plenty tasty. It's about a virus-induced zombie invasion in Raccoon City, just like the first two, but this time we're promised more violence, more zombies, more guns and much, much bigger baddies. Nice.

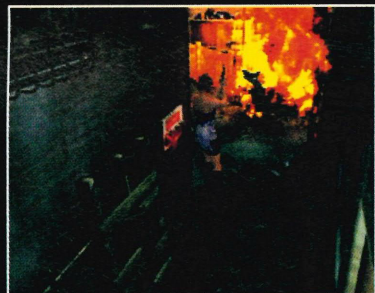
Masses of rotting flesh

You play Jill Valentine, the only survivor of the first one, wandering through new infested areas of Raccoon City. Dodging and close combat moves have been beefed up for part 3, and from the sound of things, you're going to need 'em. Up to 10 zombies on screen at once? Zoiks!

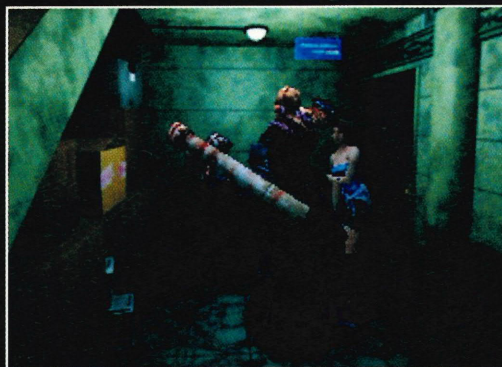
Terminator X

What's going to be big on the menu is showdowns with the big Terminator bloke who chased you through the police station in Res 2. He's the Nemesis and he's on your ass the whole time, smashing through walls, blasting you with rockets and chucking you across rooms. High-stress stuff. We like.

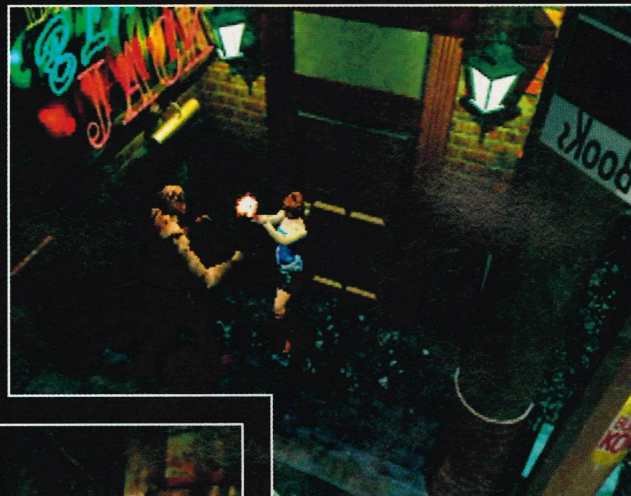
plus *It looks like they've pretty much stuck to the formula of the first two, so this 'un can't help but be a winner.*



■ The dogs still attack when they're on fire!



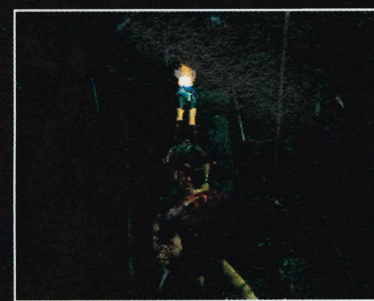
■ This is the Nemesis. He is your worst nightmare



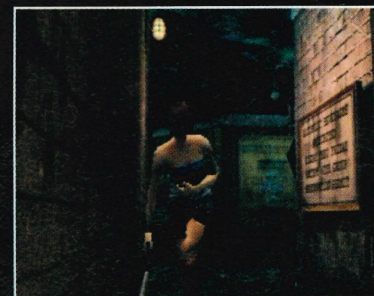
■ Ass-cappin', up close and personal-style



■ Although it's the same style of game as the previous two Res Evils, Nemesis offers a lot more scares



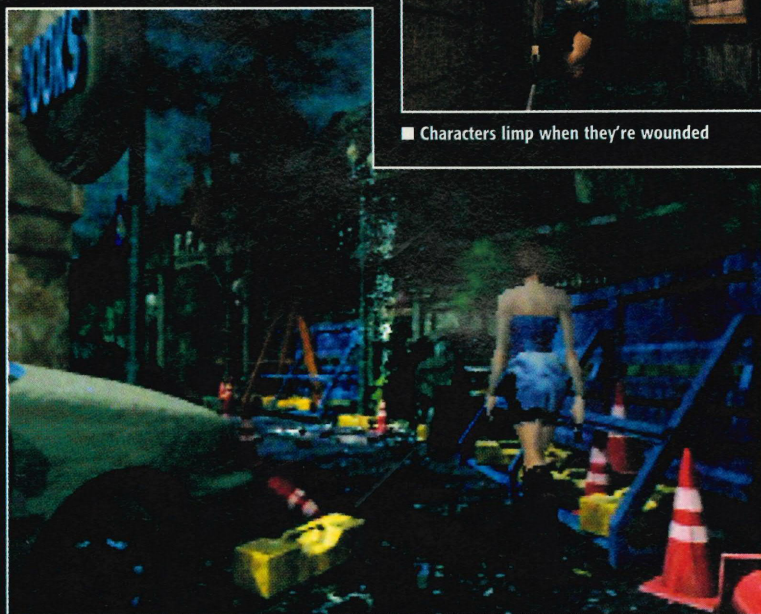
■ Res 3 promises more zombies than ever before



■ Characters limp when they're wounded



■ There are more, even bloodier ways to kill zombies. You still can't beat head popping though



■ Jill Valentine looks sweet in her hot pants and low-cut top. We'd play with her any day

'Up to ten zombies attack you at once. Zoiks!'



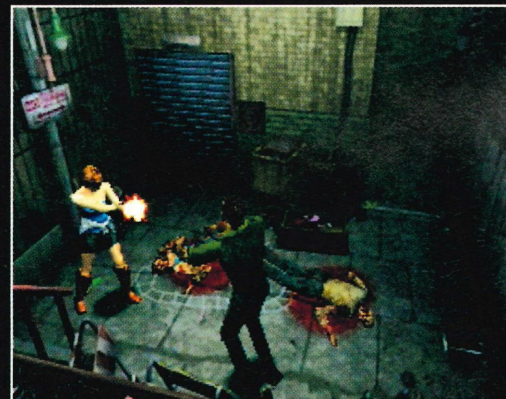
■ When the blood spills from their corpses, you know they ain't gonna get up



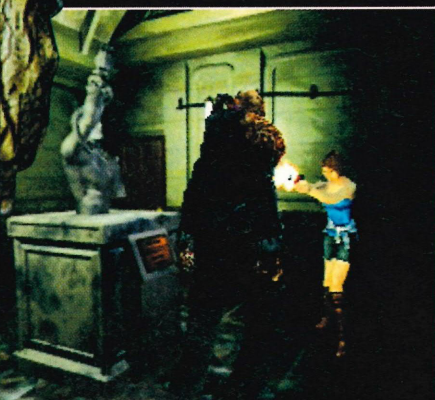
■ Raccoon City's infested by zombies and still the flowers bloom. Ain't that sweet?



■ The lighting effects make Res 3 a much spookier game than the other two



■ You're often attacked by up to ten zombies. Nasty stuff



■ A location from Res 2, now with added Nemesis



■ Things always get nasty at the Dog and Duck when closing time comes

■ OUT OCTOBER ■ BY EIDOS ■ PLAYERS 1 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Fighting Force 2

Kung fu, stealth and deadly assault weaponry shaken up into a tasty cocktail of killing.

Sneak into a high-tech complex full of evil corporate goons with guns. But this time it's not just you, your wits and your trusty M-16. See, when you run short of shotgun shells, slugs and crossbow bolts, you've got quite a tidy set of kung fu fists and feet at your disposal. Bruce Lee goes James Bond? Believe it.

Kill for a thrill!

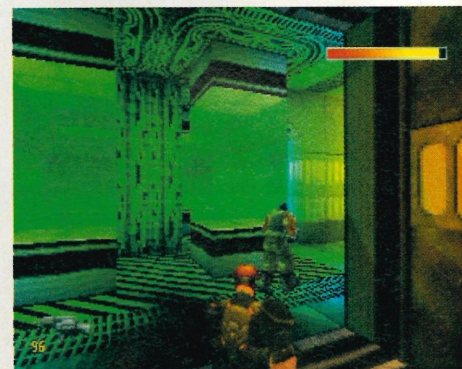
Fighting Force 2 is nothing like the original. Nope, this new 'un is basically a dumbed-down Metal Gear Solid. You're a special

agent, so stealth is on the agenda and there's a bit of plot in the form of lush cutscenes. Non-stop violence is the main bit here though: using obstacles to your advantage, you have to batter, slice and shoot everybody around you until no-one's left. And although it's simple, we like that kind of gameplay.

plus *Fighting Force, the first one, was crud, but this is looking sweet. The visuals are lush, the action's in your face and it's mighty tasty to play. Watch out, Fighting Force 2 is not taking prisoners.*



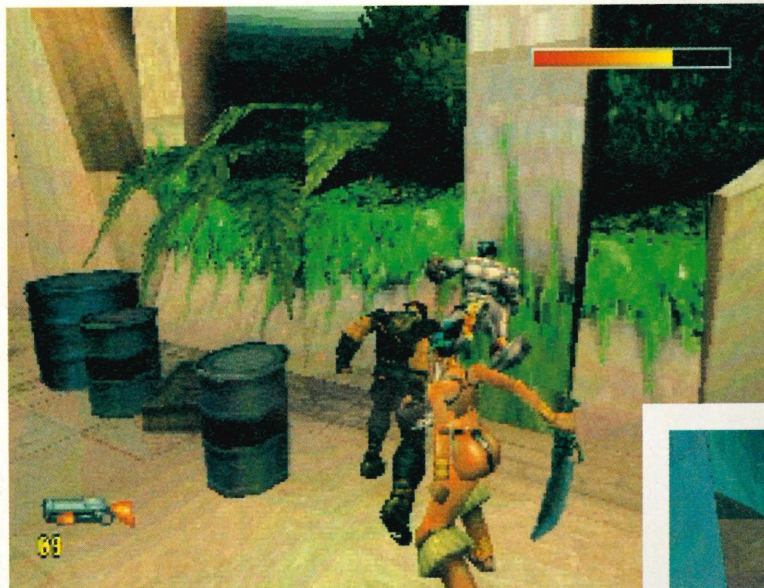
■ Slug it out in huge industrial complexes



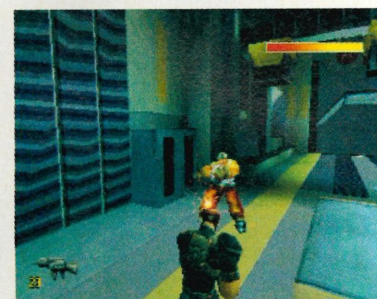
■ Sneak up on the baddies to kill 'em easier



■ Use the aim mode to take out distant enemies



■ Slug it out with loads of baddies on-screen at once. Tricky



■ Ammo is limited so be sensible out there



■ Close up, you shift into first-person mode



■ Cool kung fu moves

■ Dodge back, then kick hard



■ The bazooka isn't recommended for use in enclosed spaces



■ The bases you have to explore are absolutely huge



■ The sniper's rifle is way cool



■ Bullet in the head, sucks

■ OUT DECEMBER ■ BY CRYO ■ PLAYERS 1 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Ubik

Command an army and scorch the earth in the dark future.

Ubik's a sci-fi adventure epic with you commanding a team of future hardnuts, point-and-click strategy style. It's a mission-based struggle against armies of psychic weirdos and laser-toting psychopaths and it ain't going to be easy. Luckily you can tool up your boys with microchips that give 'em special powers, or just buy high-end military hardware and let 'em rip.

Sci-fi fo fum

Big on the gameplay menu is balancing out your team's abilities. See, you need a nice mix of lads in the team, each with different skills so you're ready for opponents who use psychic powers as well as those who stick to traditional Big Guns. There's also techy stuff to scan for different kinds of enemy and microchips to help with your defence, so you'd better make sure your brainbox is in overdrive to handle this 'un.

plus Doesn't look like it's going to rock the world. More news soon.



■ Explore huge areas using weird microchips to scan for psychic enemies



■ It's all fairly slow point-and-click stuff



■ Psychics can attack from long range. Deadly



■ Split your squad to attack from different sides



■ Each mission will require different tactics



■ Tool your boys up with guns and stuff, then send them into action

■ OUT SEPTEMBER ■ BY KONAMI ■ PLAYERS 1 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Ronin Blade

The way of the Samurai. Honour, obedience, random assault, murder and suicide.

Ronin Blade's going to be a Resident Evil-style 3D adventure that mixes role-playing talky-talky bits, Samurai-style swordplay and a hardcore kung fu film plot. Clocking in at the serious end of the chopsocky scale, it's going to boast an incredibly detailed fighting system with over 40 different moves to get to grips with. Tasty.

Chop suey!

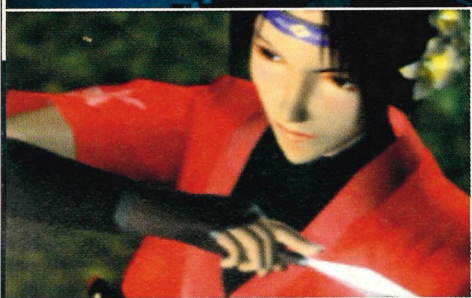
We're promised the fighting system's going to be plenty easy to pick up at the start, but

there'll be real depths for hardcore martial arts heads to explore. A complex plot involving a lone samurai who's pitted against the katana-wielding stooges of an evil shogun is going to be the icing on the cake. Resident Evil meets The Seven Samurai? We'll have a bit of that.

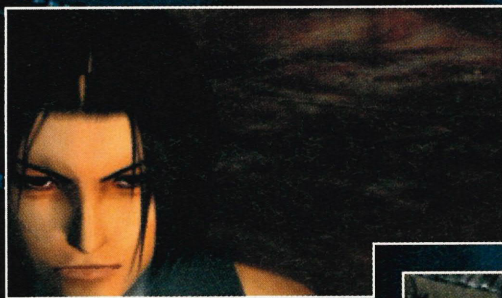
Plus Early days yet, and it's still got to be translated so we can understand what the hell's going on, but this looks like it's filled with Eastern promise.



■ The main bloke sets out on his travels across ancient Japan



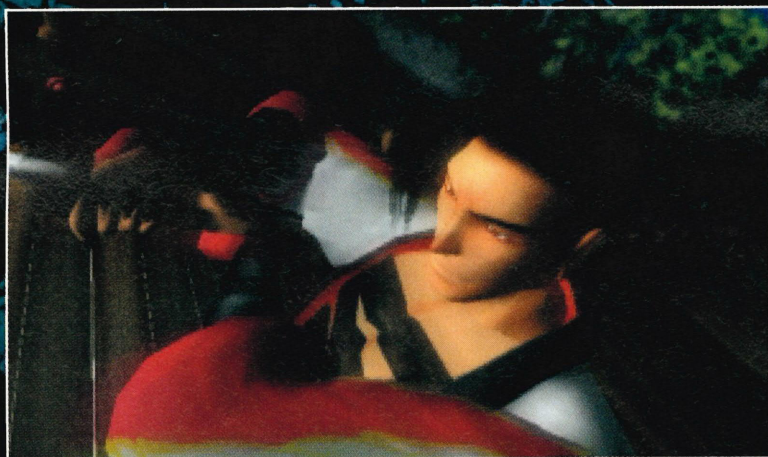
■ There's two characters. One's a female ninja



■ The main bloke's a samurai without a master



■ There's all sorts of role-playing bits in there



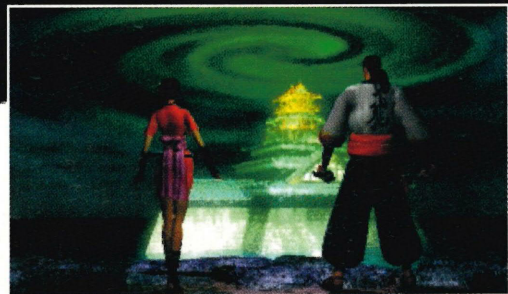
■ By the end, you'll be able to pull off over 40 slicing and dicing moves



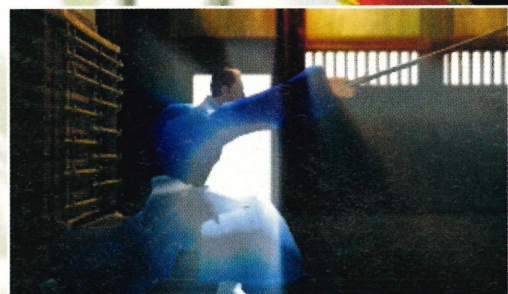
■ Fight one-on-one against evil samurai, beat 'em up style



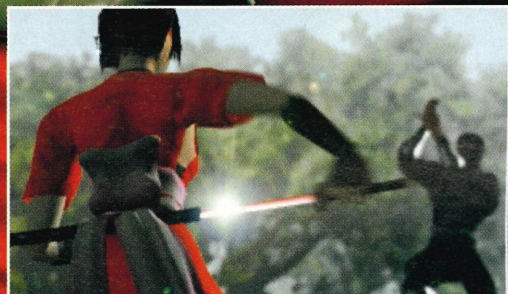
■ Later, the two characters meet up and fight side by side



■ Dark magical powers become involved



■ The plot's incredibly complex and full-on



■ Perfect your swordplay to take on the forces of evil

**'Hardcore samurai-style
fighting - with 40 moves!'**

Gekido

When fighting looks this cool, is it any wonder we love a ruck?

Gekido combines ultra-stylish manga characters, a twisty plot, blink-and-you'll-miss-it fisticuffs and an added splash of deadly firepower. Gekido's an updated version of those old beat 'em ups where you walked along hitting people, and already it's looking lush and lightning quick.

Beatin' bosses

Playing as one of four characters you smash your way through destructible 3D levels as you deal with hordes of street scum and some nasty-assed bosses. And because each character has different skills and follows a different route, there's gonna be variety to go. There's also a four-player arena mode where you kick the crap out of each other.

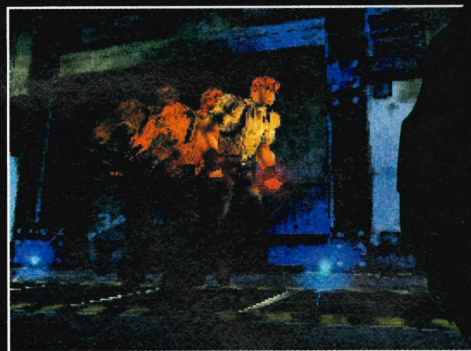
Rucking robots

See, it's all set in the future, and as usual a super-computer has gone mental. What that means for you is that you take on robots and evil thugs armed with electric death rays, weirdo special powers and huge explosive devices. But worry not. You're able to tool up with some impressive weapons and special attacks as well, so everything's nice and even.

***plus** The graphics are absolutely stunning, and some of the effects will knock your socks off. The gameplay's a touch basic, but it looks fun all the same...*



■ Whirling ball of electric death. Causes extreme pain



■ As well as pick-ups, each character has special powers



■ You can pick up and chuck all sorts of stuff



■ The plot's the usual load of cyber-crap. But who cares?



■ Some of the special moves look absolutely stunning. Here's one we made earlier



■ Take on loads of bad boys at once



■ Use megadeath weaponry against your foes

Extreme violence and very, very fast motorbikes.

■ OUT NOVEMBER ■ BY ELECTRONIC ARTS ■ PLAYERS 1-2 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Road Rash Unchained

Tobacco-chewing Harley riders beat each other to death with motorcycle chains. Tasty.

Road Rash combines two of the finest ways to show off your manhood: extreme violence and riding a motorbike very, very fast. You're a leather-wearing psycho who cruises the highways of America, competing in races which are won by skilful riding, expert bike control, and willingness to randomly assault your fellow riders with big sticks.

Road thrash

The rules of Road Rash? There aren't any. You ride as fast as you can and kick the crap out of the other riders, using whatever means are available. Fists, feet, chains or lead piping, it really doesn't matter - just cross the finishing line first. There are fifteen motorcycles to choose from, from oversized Harley Hogs to sleek Italian superbikes, plus a couple of trikes to play around with in the two-player game.

Road bash

It's the multiplayer option which really covers some new ground. The basic head-to-head kickathon's in there, but you can also team up with a mate and take the sidcar challenge. Basically it's the same as the one-player game, but you drive and your mate sits next to you, battering any sucker who gets too close. Cool!

plus The one-player doesn't look any different from the previous Road Rash games, but we reckon the two-player sidcar game could be a top laugh. Review coming up soon.



■ Race huge superbikes at brain-melting speeds



■ On later levels you can use serious weaponry on other riders



■ The other riders are very, very aggressive



■ The sidcar option. Classic entertainment



■ Chopped hogs are the bike of choice



■ Hit your fellow competitors with makeshift weapons like huge heavy spanners



■ There's other cars on the roads as well, so it's all too easy to go tits up

■ OUT KONAMI ■ BY NOVEMBER ■ PLAYERS 1-2 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

ISS Pro Evolution

Forget FIFA 99, this here is gonna be the best footie game on the 'Station. Fact.

You and your mates love FIFA. You're used to the controls, you can play as your favourite team and bin your star player if they're playing like a turd. All that's in ISS Pro Evolution, plus a whole lot more. Take our advice: if you're into football, you'll be into this ISS.

Play as any international team

The best thing about all the ISS Pro games is they're dead easy to play. They're much easier to pick up than FIFA and it the of play's more smooth too. That's the same for ISS Evolution: it's sweet to play and the controls are dead simple, so it's great for first timer players. But there's also plenty of freedom for the experienced footie fan to build up more complex plays and dazzling ways to score. You're not tied down by limited set plays either, and can pull off some smart free kicks and corners with practice.

Liquid football

Visually you won't find a better footie game. The players are sharp and detailed, and they move smoothly around the pitch. There are all-new instant replays which look fantastic, but it's the raw gameplay that gets the pulse pumping. Within minutes you'll be able to skilfully pass, shoot and head the ball, and with a bit of practice you'll fiddling around with tactics and catching the goddamn Argies on the counterattack.

plus ISS 98 is the current footie king but Evolution's in a league of its own. If you want world class footy, get ready for this.



■ These are the international teams on offer



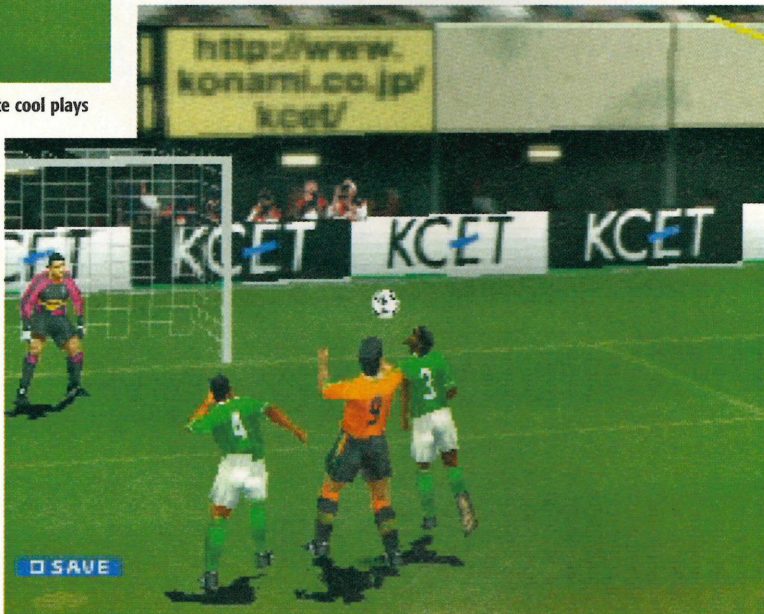
■ Compared to ISS 98 there's more freedom to create cool plays



■ The player detail really is fantastic



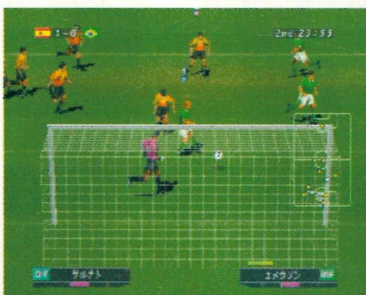
■ The number of moves has been beefed up, making play flow a lot more smoothly



■ With some practice you're able to pull off floating crosses you can then knock in the back of the net



■ It's dead easy to keep play running smoothly, thanks to simple one-touch controls

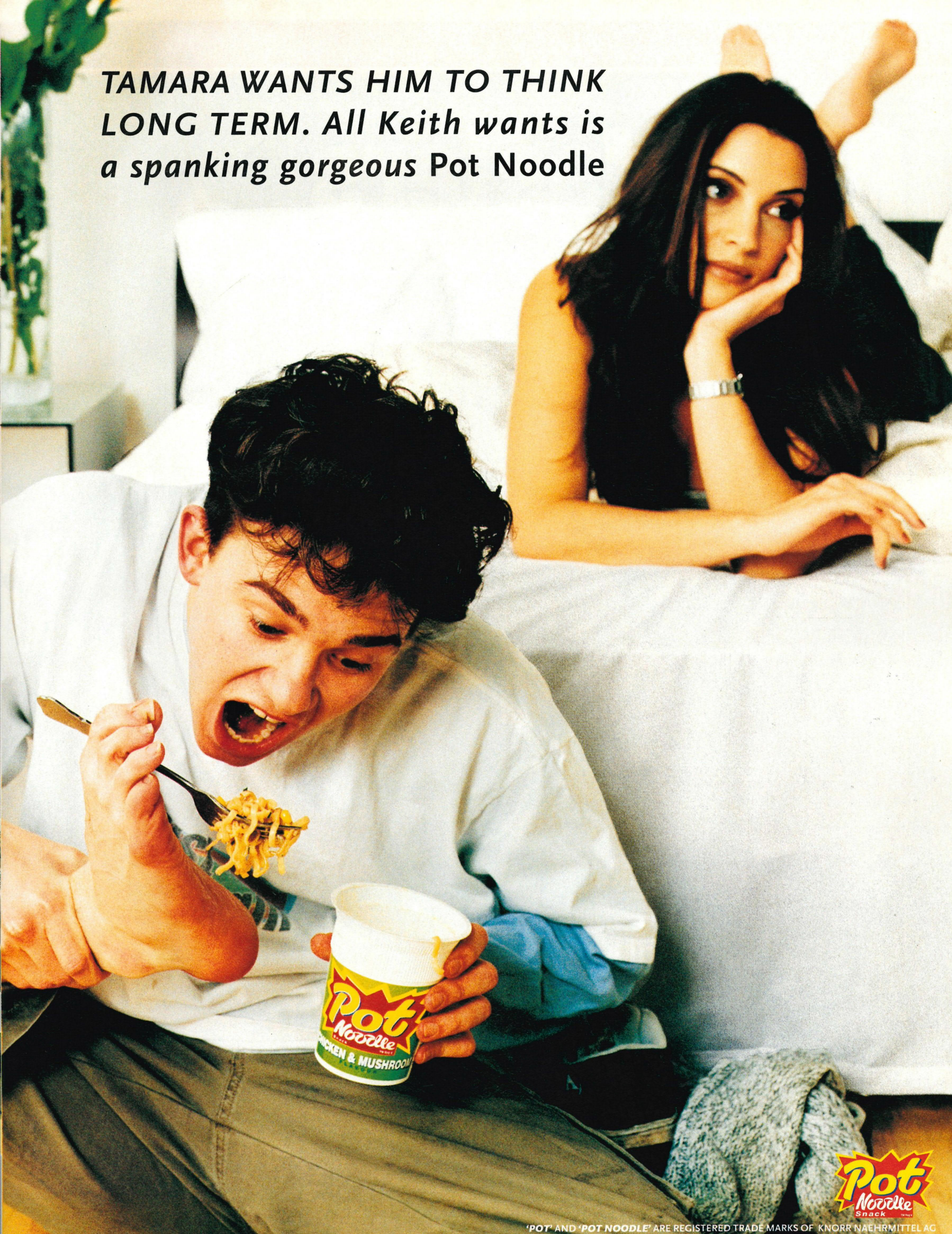


■ Luckily the goalie's controlled automatically



■ All-new goal celebrations include group hugs

**TAMARA WANTS HIM TO THINK
LONG TERM. All Keith wants is
a spanking gorgeous Pot Noodle**



'POT' AND 'POT NOODLE' ARE REGISTERED TRADE MARKS OF KNORR NAEHRMITTEL AG

■ OUT SEPTEMBER ■ BY INFOGRADES ■ PLAYERS 1-2 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Rally Masters

Burning brakes, smoking tyres, thrashed engines. It's time to get dirty.

Feast your eyes on these screenshots and you know there is a god. More importantly, he likes rally games. How else can we explain the 'Station's wealth of solid off-road racing games. Come September we'll be even closer to rally heaven 'cos Rally Masters is a comin'. And while you've probably had your fill of dirt churning action in the form of Colin McRae and V-Rally 2, don't throw in your racing leathers just yet because this baby's got something new to offer.

Who's the daddy?

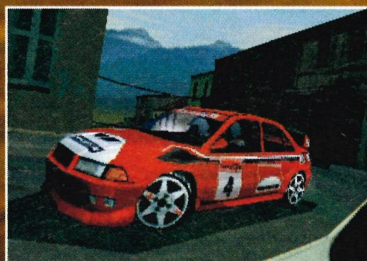
Rally Masters is the only PlayStation off-roader to concentrate on the ultimate rally

trophy, the Michelin Race of Champions. This is where the best of the best compete against each other over rock-hard tracks set in the glorious Canary Islands.

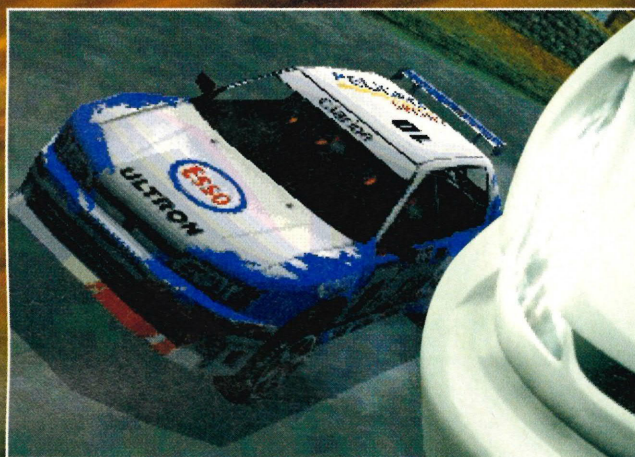
And there's more

There are 50 other courses to whup through, with a huge selection of new and classic rally cars to choose from. Game modes are the same as usual, with a one and two-player game plus a time trial mode for practising. The graphics are kick-ass though, with some really amazing effects and attention to detail.

Can this beat V-Rally 2? It's gonna be a close one.



■ The cars look neat, huh?



■ The cars look really pukka. It's the attention to detail we like - just check out the logos and stuff



■ The replay mode looks well cool, with loads of bizarre angles to flick through



■ You can almost see the panic on the co-driver's face!



■ There's the proper Michelin course plus 50 more in here



■ All the top cars are in the game, including this sturdy Peugeot 306

■ Tap the gas and you can get the rear end to gently glide out



■ If it's realism you're after then Rally Masters will deliver. Check out the smoking tyres



■ As this is the race of champions' the courses are pretty damn tough

■ OUT SEPTEMBER ■ BY TITUS ■ PLAYERS 1
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Carmageddon

Ooh-isn't-it-naughty cars-and-carnage effort. The controversy continues.

Two years after Carmageddon first shocked PC punters with its Deathrace 2000-esque mix of high-speed racing and pedestrian-squashing, here comes the PlayStation version.

Electro-bastard!

You get to choose from a wide range of comedy vehicles like dump trucks and cop cars, then you head out to one of a set of wide open tracks. There's three ways to win: either by doing a 'straight' race and coming in first, or by writing off a huge number of other cars, or by pasting all the pedestrians on the level. And to help you on your way there's plenty comedy powerups, including speedups, huge rams and one called the Electro-Bastard Ray. Nice.

plus Gameplay seems a bit rusty and the graphics are looking old and tired, but there's still enough time for them to pull it together. Maybe.



■ Batter other cars into shrapnel



■ Mash pedestrians into the tarmac to get points



■ Follow the signs to win the 'straight' race



■ You can go anywhere on the tracks



■ Use powerups to get the edge over the others

■ OUT SEPTEMBER ■ BY TAKE 2 ■ PLAYERS 1
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Rainbow Six

Andy McNabb eat your heart out.

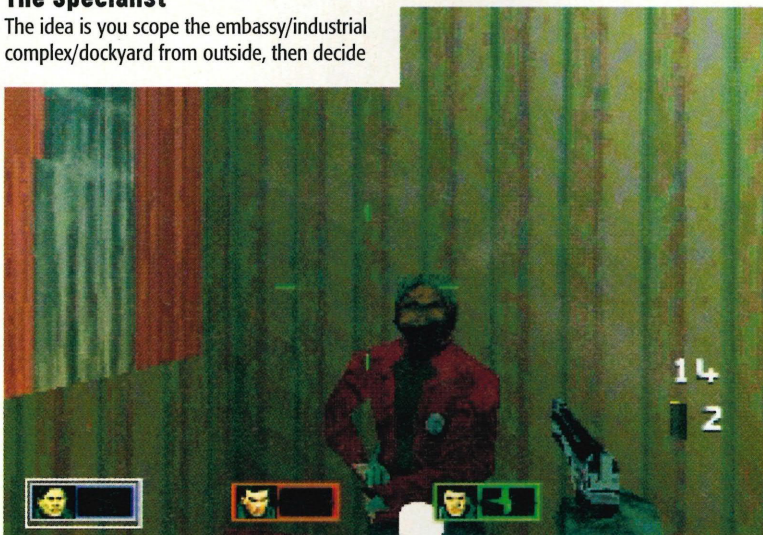
Sneak into buildings. Calmly plug terrorists. Rescue diplomatic staff. Sneak out again. Or that's the way you plan it, anyway. See, what makes this SAS game so cool is that the shoot 'em part is only half of it: you need to have hardcore strategy before you start or you're toast.

routes for your men, choosing specialist team members and allocating equipment and guns. Then it switches into a white-knuckle first-person mode where you have to look after the welfare of the boys on the ground. It's looking very tasty.

plus Neat gameplay but dodgy looks.

The Specialist

The idea is you scope the embassy/industrial complex/dockyard from outside, then decide



■ Control each of your team members in turn to take out terrorist scum in the action bit



■ Choose weapons for each squad member



■ Plan routes for each of your troops



■ If you don't plan your attack carefully, you'll die very, very quickly. You've been warned

More cute-till-you-puke platform action.

■ OUT SEPTEMBER ■ BY GT INTERACTIVE ■ PLAYERS 1-2 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

40 Winks

40 winks and you'll be in a kids dream-world for a spot of rough and tumble platform action.



Platform game rule number one: the characters have to be impossibly cute. Rule two: the story has to be wildly far-fetched. 40 Winks, the latest offering to the platform God, aims to please. The main characters are two cutesy kids, and the story centres on the kids' quest to rescue the adorable winks. Winks are what make you have good dreams. The evil NiteCap has

captured them and - gulp - he plans to turn them into evil Hood-Winks, the very things that give you nightmares.

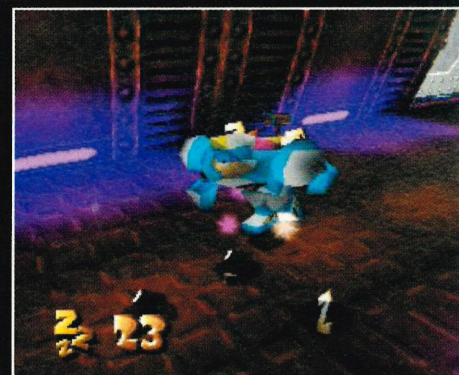
Kids play

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to work out 40 Winks is aimed squarely at kids. It's stacked full of mega-colourful 3D levels, specially engineered to tap into the little un's fun glands. Fast and frantic fun is the order of the day here. The two kids - Rough and Tumble - romp through haunted castles and pirate ships, changing into robots, monsters and ninjas along the way. The evil bosses are most definitely of the panto variety, and of course, there's not a drop of blood spilt.

plus Looking very polished already and playing like a dream.



■ Definitely one for the kids, we reckon



■ Big comedy bosses are all part of the fun



■ The levels are all themed around dreams



■ 40 Winks looks lush



■ Slug it out with 'scary' monsters like cute skeletons



■ By picking up different outfits you can gain special moves and weird powers

The X-Files Game

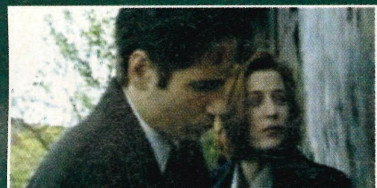
'Things are getting strange I'm starting to worry. This could be a case for Mulder and Scully...'

Long after all the movie hype has died down, the X-Files game finally surfaces on the PlayStation. You're cast in the role of Special Agent Willmore, an FBI agent working out of Washington. Assistant Director Skinner has assigned you to track down two agents missing in the field – Fox Mulder and Dana Scully. As you probe further into their disappearance you get entangled in a bizarre plot involving the usual conspiracy theories, cover-ups and little green men.

The truth is out there...

The game itself plays like an episode of the X-Files, only with you in the lead role. You get to interact with all the main actors from the mega-successful series: David Duchovny; Gillian Anderson; the bloke who plays Skinner; and ask them questions to help you overcome various puzzles. Nothing too complicated, but tough enough to have you tearing strands of hair out.

plus Fantastic story. Top acting. But strictly for hardcore X-philes only.



■ You have to interact with David Anchovy



■ The main actors from the series all show their faces



■ You have to choose between different menu options to get ahead



■ Talking to other characters is the main part of the X-Files game



■ We're promised super-high paranoia levels throughout



■ There's plenty of puzzles to solve

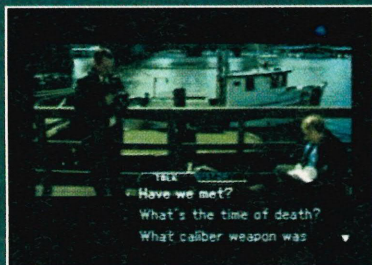
■ Much video footage is in evidence. It's just like an episode from the series



■ Things are Not What They Seem...



■ What's up, Doc?



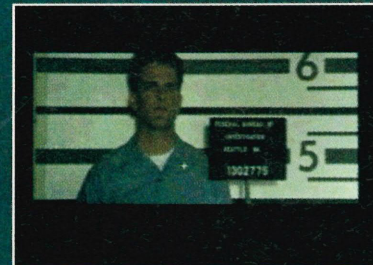
■ Choose what you want your bloke to say



■ A petrol station. Yesterday

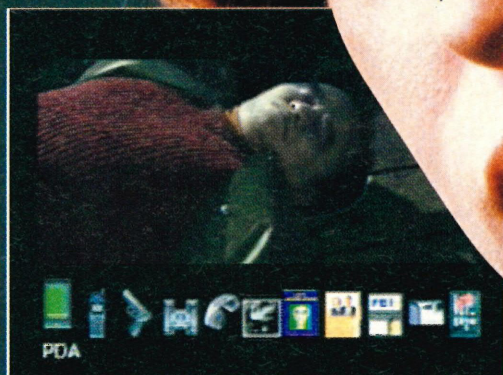


■ Evil alien forces are at work



■ Of course, a giant-sized conspiracy is involved

'Aliens, cover-ups, conspiracies!'



■ You unearth a series of grisly murders: but who's the killer?



■ Crime-scene inquiries are a big part of the action

Gungage

'Did you spill my blood?' Four blokes kick off with very large guns.

There's no point to Gungage. In this high-octane 3D shooter there's only you, a big empty space and a whole lot of bad people to turn into meat paste with the weapon of your choice. And there sure are a load of weapons to play around with here: machine guns, lasers, rocket launchers, flamethrowers. There's every piece of hardware you can imagine. All you've gotta do is pick 'em up and let rip.

Gigantic psycho robots

There are four hard-nut heroes to play as: two are nancy boy ponces with stupid haircuts, one's a steroid-oozing meathead and the other's a girl. Each has slightly different abilities, and you'll need to choose carefully to give yourself the best chance of survival, 'cos there are some real mean enemies, from fire-breathing hellhounds to gigantic robots which spit laser death.

No, bigger than that

It's the big boss baddies which really kick ass though. These bastards often take up the entire screen, crushing your tiny character if you ain't fast on your feet. There's a spider the size of a house which chucks bolts of electricity from its head, and a demon whose plasma blasts will tear your body into bloody bits. All this adds up to a helluva lot of gun-slinging action. You've got the tools to pull off this bloodbath, but have you got the guts?

plus Looks tasty, and could be fun in a dumb kind of way.



■ There's hundreds of mutant beasts to blast



■ The big bloke. Tough, but pretty damn slow





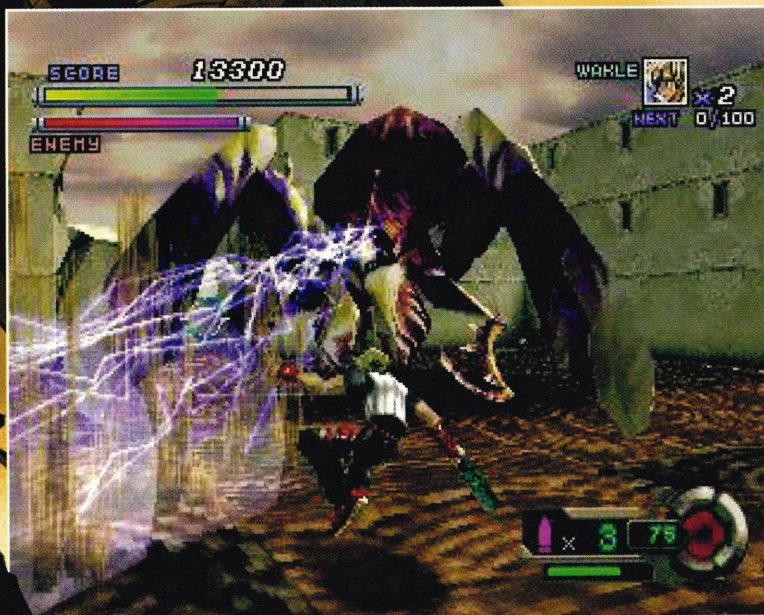
'Get blasted by a spider the size of a house'



■ The baddies all look stunning



■ Warped beast alert! Kill! Kill!



■ The bosses are all tooled with gigantic megadeath weapons. They're tough

■ OUT OCTOBER ■ BY ELECTRONIC ARTS ■ PLAYERS 1-8
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

The FA Premier League Football Manager 2000

Get your sheepskin coat ready, it's gonna be a long hard season.

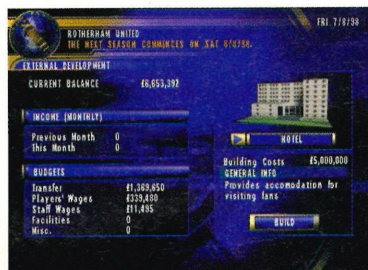
Footy fans should be in for a treat come the arrival of FA Premier League Football Manager 2000. You can steer your team to the Premier League title and on to European glory. You can also manage any of the European teams. And with over 23 divisions from 7 countries and 30,000 players at your disposal there's no way you could call this game slim.

Mucho features

The feature that gets our blood pumping the most is the tactical hot keys. What they do is send orders out to the players while your team's playing. So while you're watching a

match if you reckon your back four's playing too deep or your left winger's not getting down the touch-line, then you can change the whole setup with the hot keys. Sounds cool to us. The good news is the game includes the same visuals as the upcoming Premier League All Stars game, so the matches will look plenty sweet. Other cool features include control of the youth teams and the reserves, and an in-depth training system.

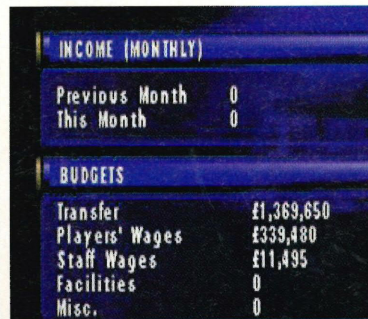
plus Looks like it's bristling with features. This could be the one to take the management crown. We'll bring you more info as it breaks.



■ Balance the books or there's trouble ahead



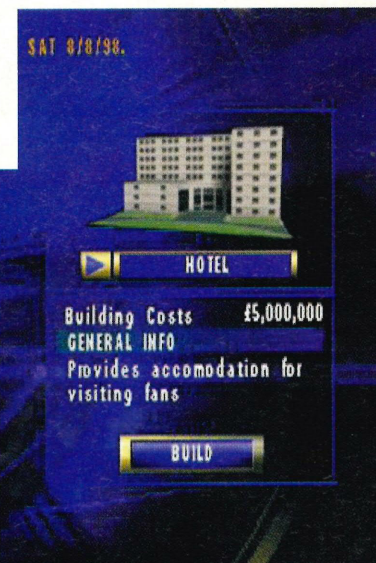
■ Fix ticket prices just right



■ You even get to do Monopoly-type stuff like building hotels or building houses for your star foreign signings. This game brings new meaning to the phrase 'in-depth'

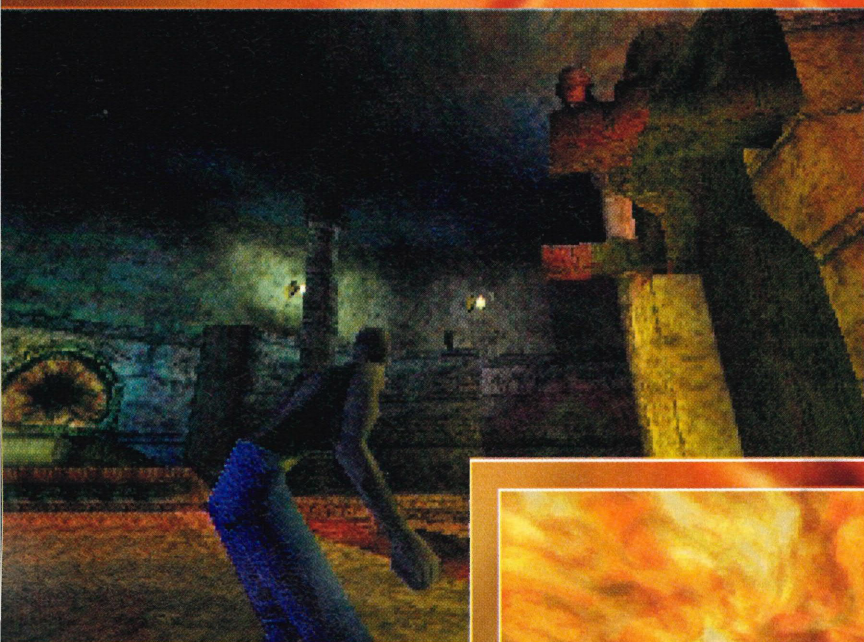


■ The transfer market's cutthroat, and you're right in the middle of the action



Shadowman

Sickening violence, serial murder and the powers of the dark. It's Tomb Raider gone nasty.



■ The Shadowman in his native home, Deadside. Not a nice place, but then he's not a nice man

Just because Shadowman's based on a comic book, it doesn't mean you need to be a slightly spooky loner type who smells of cat piss to enjoy it. This dark, gothic explore 'em up is looking like it just might be the coolest adventure ever to hit the 'Station. And why? Read on...

Deadhead

For starters, the game's absolutely bloody massive. It plays a bit like Tomb Raider but with a heavy gothic feel, and stretches across two worlds: the real world and Deadside, a sort of voodoo Hell. Both areas are enormous and crammed with bad guys. You have to use the magic powers of your brutally murdered brother's teddy bear to travel between the different worlds and wipe the zombie threat out.

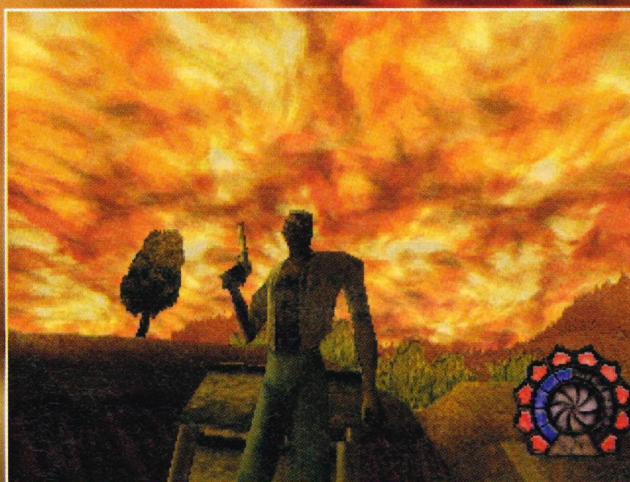
Murder was the case

The plot is this huge, sprawling horror effort where you're attempting to stop the dead rising from their graves and setting up serial killers as the rulers of the living world. Nice. Lush cutscenes keep the plot moving as you use your powers as Shadowman to shift between the worlds, using a fantastic assortment of magic powers and assault weaponry to foil the plans of the living dead.

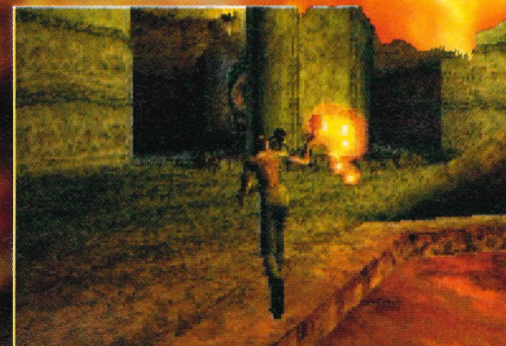
PLUS The game is huge. Like, massive. And it looks pretty smart too. If the gameplay matches up, Shadowman could be a scarefest classic.



■ Swing over huge chasms to avoid your evil attackers



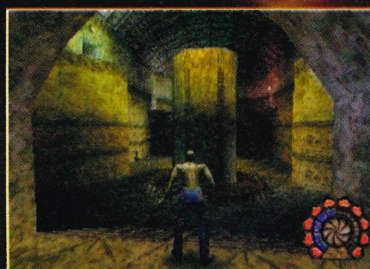
■ As well as magic you rely on classic handguns like the Desert Eagle



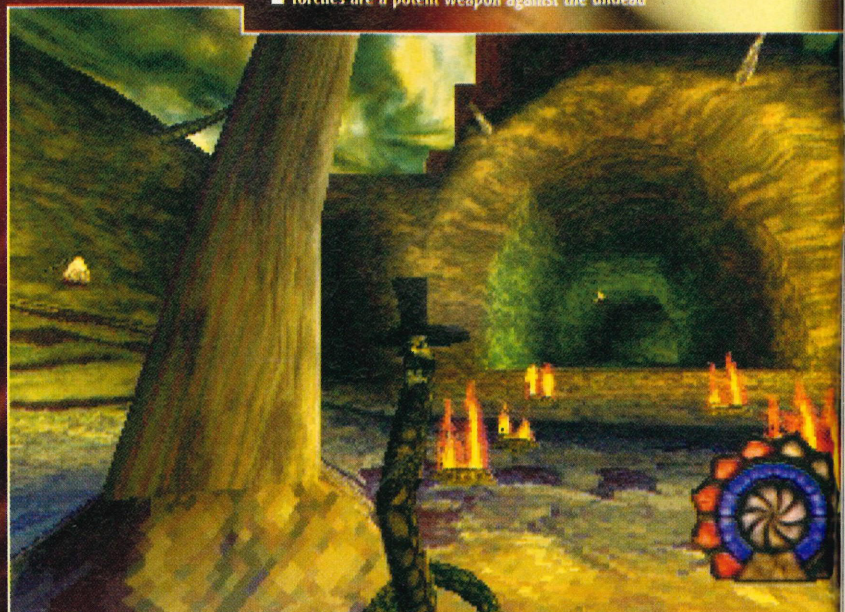
■ Torches are a potent weapon against the undead



■ By the end you can travel at will between the real world and Deadside

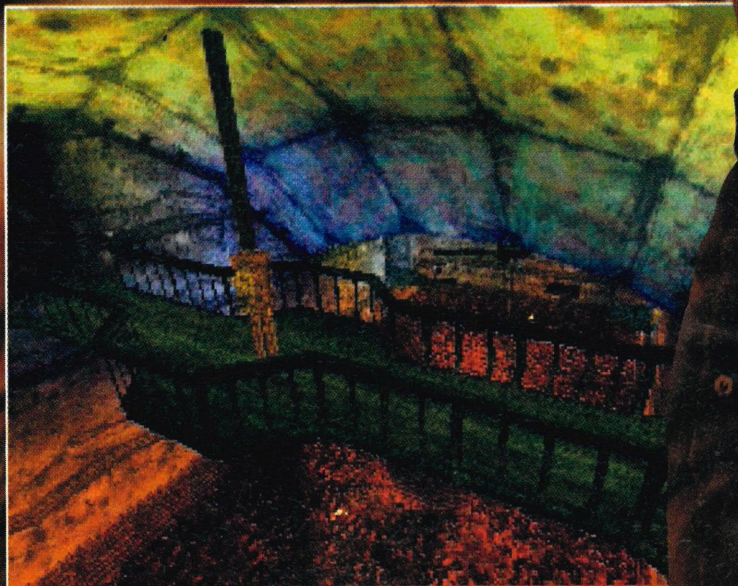


■ Brain-curdling puzzles are all over the shop



■ The thing at the side of the screen shows you what magical powers you can use

**'It's up to you to
foil the plans of
the living dead'**



■ There are loads of stunning locations in The Asylum, the centre of Deadside

■ OUT NOVEMBER ■ BY KONAMI ■ PLAYERS 1-2 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, KONAMI VIRTUAL DECKS

Beatmania

'We've got the two DJs on the wheels of steel'

Beatmania's a bedroom DJ's dream come true. It's a complete-with-fake-decks DJing game where you take on a mate or go one-up against the 'Station to display awesome feats of deck wizardry in styles of music ranging from garage to big beat to drum 'n' bass.

When the wax hits the needle

'Fake decks?' we hear you ask. Yup, there's a peripheral that'll come bundled with the game where you can do your spinback and scratching on a little plastic disc mounted on a black box. Keeping your scratches in time with the toons, and dropping in the right samples using the buttons next to the disc will mean high scores. Will you have what it takes to be a superstar 'Station DJ?

plus Looking interesting. It's plenty fun to play, and we're promised there'll be some choice choons on there an' all...



■ Foul up and the game gives you what for



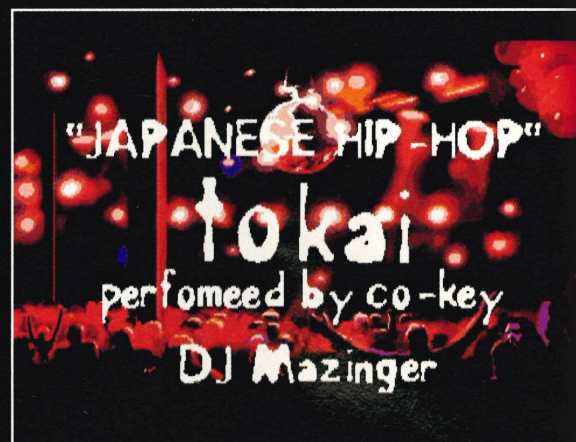
■ Hit the buttons in time to drop samples into the mix



■ There'll be loads of different styles of music



■ In the DJ Battle mode, you can take on your mate in a freeform scratching contest. May the best spinner win!



■ The music'll be a whole lot less Japanese on the Brit version



■ If you hit things at exactly the right moment, the game rewards you



■ When the red bar hits the bottom, you've got to scratch. Have you got the skills to pay the bills?



■ Two-player battles get well hectic



■ Music to suit all tastes

Say hello to your new cellmate.

AIRONAUTS

Welcome, convict.

You have been selected to appear on Aironauts, the prime time TV game show starring some of the world's foremost camera-loving convicts!

Inmates strap on flying rigs with awesome weapons and compete in obstacle courses and battles to the death for an audience of billions at home!

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Fly or Die, Jailbirds!

- Over 60 games played in 8 prison environments
- FULL 3D control of 8 individual inmates
- Complete commentary system



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red lemon studios It's a game thing



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PlayStation 2 nuke shocker!

New horror! Could PlayStation 2 spell nuclear death for everyone in the Western world?

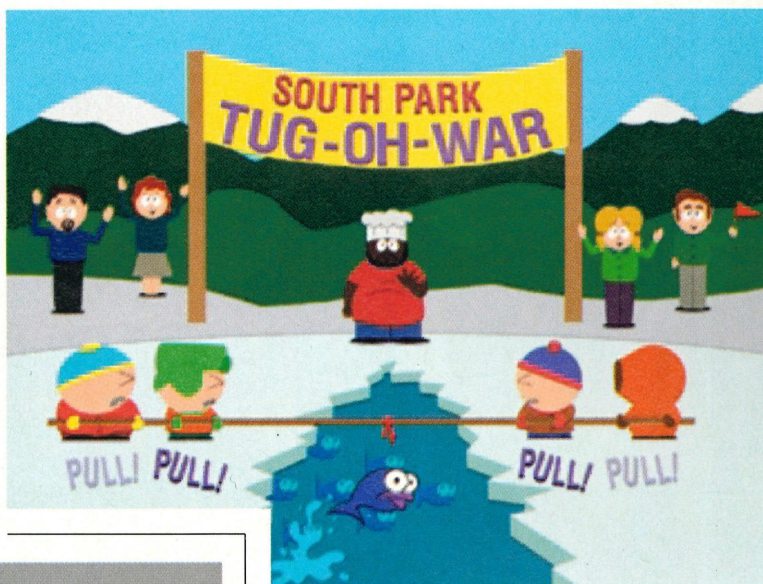
PlayStation 2 is going to be so powerful you could use it to do the ultra-complicated calculations you need to make hydrogen bombs! As a result, Bill Clinton was forced to change US laws about super-computer equipment last month so's they could sell PS2 in places like China. Up till now, chips as powerful as the Emotion Engine in PlayStation 2 couldn't be sold in countries like China in

case they were used to do the head-fryingly complex maths you need to make megadeath weaponry. But next year, you'll be able to have one in your own home! Sadly, the other ingredients of hydrogen bombs, like huge blocks of plutonium and stuff, are much more difficult to come by, so you won't be able to turn entire cities into scorched radioactive wasteland when PS2 comes out in the year 2000.

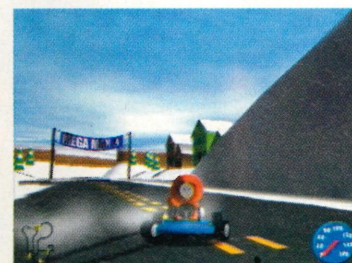
Three come along at once

After months of waiting for news of the South Park game, here's news of three of 'em

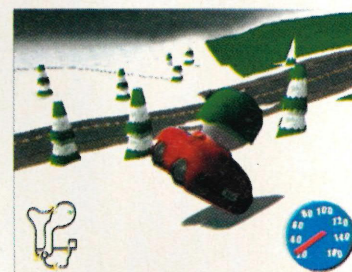
Cartman, Kenny and the gang are going to show up in no less than three 'Station games over the next few months. There's a whole range of bizarre game styles in there as well. The South Park shooter's a wacked-out shoot 'em up where you blitz weirdo enemies like giant turkeys with snowballs soaked in piss. Chef's Luv Shack is a mondo odd trivia effort, and South Park Rally is a racing game complete with all the violence and loud swearing you'd expect from the South Park mob. The South Park shoot 'em up's already been a massive hit on the N64, but the other two are totally new games. Chef's Luv Shack in particular is looking class: you play the South Park kids in a whole variety of dumb contests, competing to avoid winning a dirty weekend... with the Chef. The rally effort's looking like it might offer a whole bundle of arcadey laffs an' all.



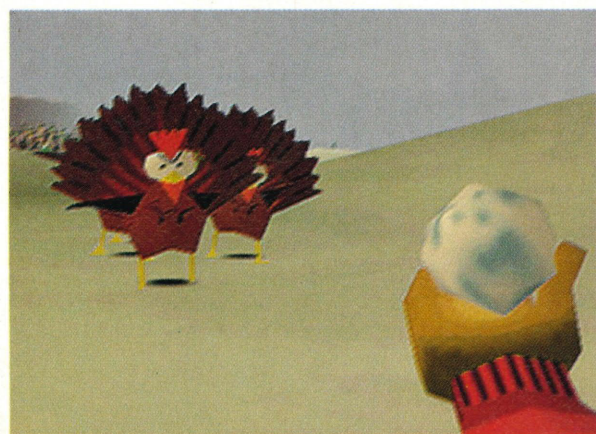
■ Chef's Luv Shack's a collection of weird sub-games



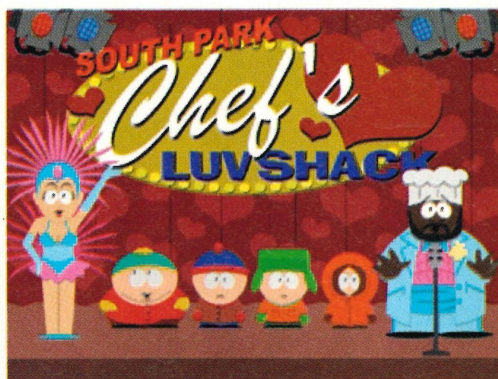
■ SP Rally: loadsa laffs, we reckon



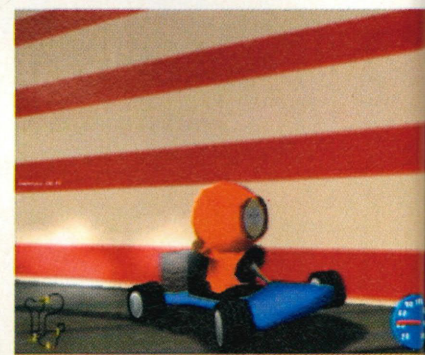
■ There's comedy vehicles a go-go



■ The SP shoot 'em up was class on the N64, so we've got high hopes for it



■ Answer questions to avoid bedding the Chef

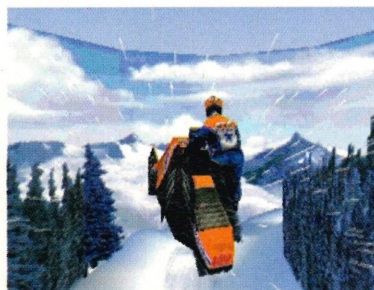


■ Kenny. Nobody's killed him - yet

Four-player sled action!

We've played new snowmobile racer Sled Storm and it's blown us away

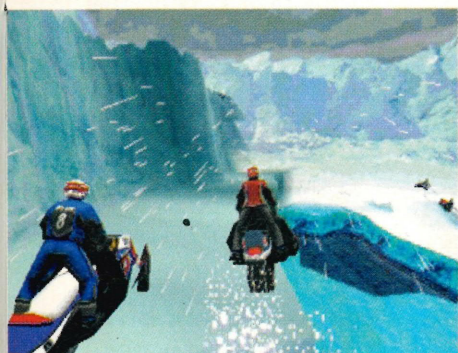
We've had a crack at an early version of upcoming snowmobile racer Sled Storm and it's looking cool as. The graphics are as sharp as graphics get on the 'Station, and there's plenty of excitement to be had with stunts, SnoCross tracks and hyper-intelligent opponents. And it's pretty damn fast too. Review next issue.



■ The visuals in Sled Storm are stunning



■ Check out the level of detail on these lads. Bonus!



■ It moves at a fair old lick as well



■ Four players on screen at once! Believe it!



■ The courses are pure class - there's stunts all over the shop



■ The replays look absolutely blinding



■ Opportunities to 'catch serious air' are all over the place

FINAL FANTASY GOES HOLLYWOOD

■ **Hollywood top boys** Steve Buscemi, Alec Baldwin and James Woods have been named as some of the voices for the computer-generated Final Fantasy movie. The movie, which will feature

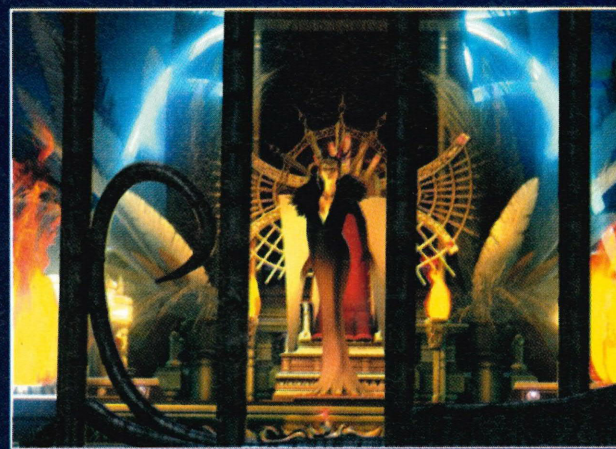
an all-new story set in the world of Final Fantasy, is going to be 100% computer-generated, and early signs are that it'll look absolutely incredible. The bad news is it won't appear till summer 2001. Dang.



■ The movie visuals will be incredible



■ Squall from Final Fantasy VIII: will he feature?



■ We're promised fantastic settings, weird characters and dark magic

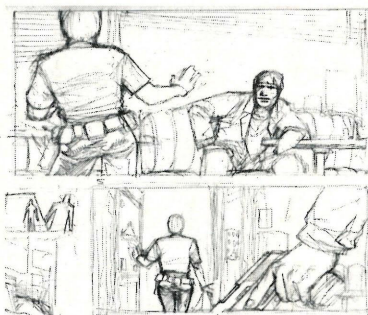


■ Harry on the mean streets of Silent Hill

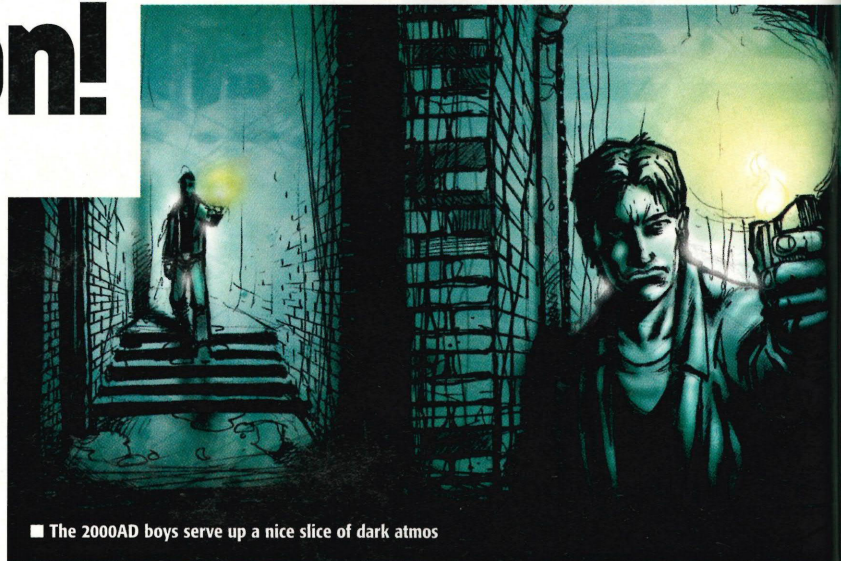
Silent Hill: the horror lives on!

You've played the game. Now read the comic

Horror adventure Silent Hill is set to come back at you in comic form in August this year. The comic, which'll be done by a top writer-artist team from 2000AD, will explain the story behind the game and add some new gory scenes. Expect to see spooky witch women getting incinerated, weird mutant beasts having their brains blown out and the good Dr Kaufmann from the game snorting huge lines of hallucinogenic drugs. And we're promised that once you've read the comic, you'll understand the game's stupidly complicated ending. The comic'll be 60 pages long, priced £9.99.



■ Cybil and Harry in the cafe. Recognise the opening scene from the game?



■ The 2000AD boys serve up a nice slice of dark atmos

LARA GOES ABSTRACT

■ Lara: soon she'll be doing cameos in black and white flicks and appearing on the Late Review. Maybe

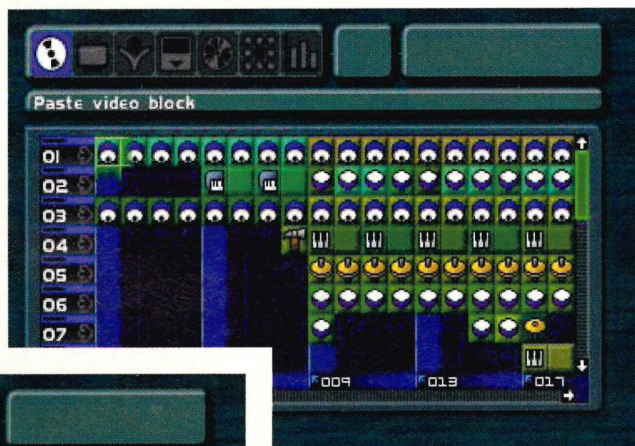
■ **The most poncey, stupid Lara appearance ever.** No question. At an arts festival in Amsterdam a bunch of posturing nonces thought it was a good idea to have a little kid playing Tomb Raider III on stage while 'abstract dancers' mirrored her moves to allow the audience to 'savour the gaming experience'. Bollocks. Add to that a whole pile of Lara mosaics, Lara paintings and (seriously) Lara meals, and we've got the kind of package we don't need in our world. Fortunately, the Over the Harbour festival will close on the 28th July. Let's hope this kind of thing never happens again.



Music to our ears

Now four mates can 'ave it large at once with Music 2000!

We've heard the first whispers about the sequel to Music, the dance music creation game that had us all feeling like we were the next Pete Tong last summer. And Music 2000's added a couple of features that'll spice up the recipe no end: you can now do a four-player jam session, and you can plug a microphone into your 'Station to do your own home sampling. Add to that a host of new dance samples, a 24-track sequencer, and all-new rock and indie samples and we've got a tasty little package. More news as we get it.



■ There's 24 tracks in the standard game now, so you can get more complex sounds



■ Four players jam together



■ You'll be able to use a special MIDI peripheral to link up to other music-making equipment. Clever



PLANET OF THE APES

■ We've caught a first glimpse of early stuff from this 3D thinky-thinky adventure, coming hot on the heels of the 1968 film. You play Ulysses, last survivor of a spaceship crash, puzzling and exploring your way through 70 levels'-worth of a weird world where humans are ruled by cruel apes. With over 2,000 lines of dialogue and plenty o' fighting with several breeds of combat ape, this is looking like it might be a peach. The PlayStation version's quite a way off, though, so don't hold your breath.



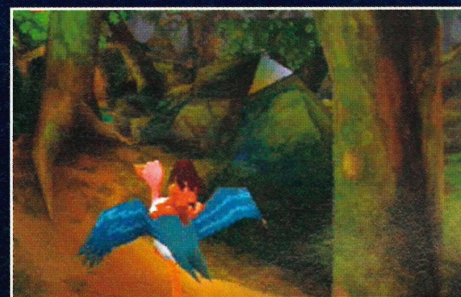
■ Help Ulysses to escape from his chimp captors. Then help him free all the human slaves, bring enlightenment to the monkeys and save the world. Sheesh

JUNGLE FEVER

■ Disney aim to get a slice of the summer blockbuster season with the release of Tarzan. We've seen some screenshots of the inevitable 'Station Game of the Film, and unlike most film tie-ins it doesn't look half bad. Playing as either Tarzan or Jane you'll be swinging from vines, riding elephants and sliding down tree trunks. A must-have platformer for all would-be jungle brothers? Could be. More news as it comes in.



■ Float down rivers avoiding deadly tropical fish



■ Tarzan: too cute to live? The debate rages on

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Stuff you need to know



'SHOP 'TIL I CAN'T



■ Thinks: 'You corner like a lady boy. Soon it's my turn'



■ 'A Big King meal with medium Coke and large fries please'

THE ULTIMATE GAME SHOP AND THE ULTIMATE ARCADE TOGETHER IN ONE \$85M MEGA-COMPLEX. WELCOME TO THE FUTURE

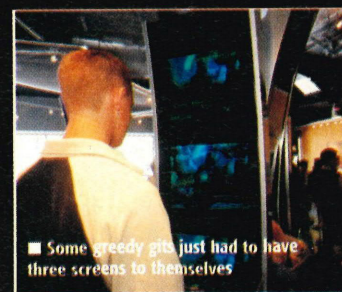
Americans like it large - pizzas, massacres, cults and assault weapons. Now they've added the world's biggest urban entertainment centre to the list. Stuffed with massive screens playing the latest 'Station hits and supercharged arcade machines so 'virtual' they haul you through time, the \$85m Metreon centre in San Francisco has taken stunned American gamers straight into the next wave of gaming.

Want a dedicated PlayStation superstore stuffed with every single game you can buy? You got it. Fancy a big screen bout of capture-the-flag Quake against four mates whilst chowing down on a fresh tortilla? You got that too. Like the idea of watching The Matrix on a screen almost as big as the sky? Step right up!

The best bit of Metreon is the flagship PlayStation superstore, the first in the world. All the hottest new games are ready to test on 30 neat flat-screen gaming stations: when our man took a look, punters were being wowed by the stunning visuals of Final Fantasy VIII.



■ Like American waistlines, the centre is enormous

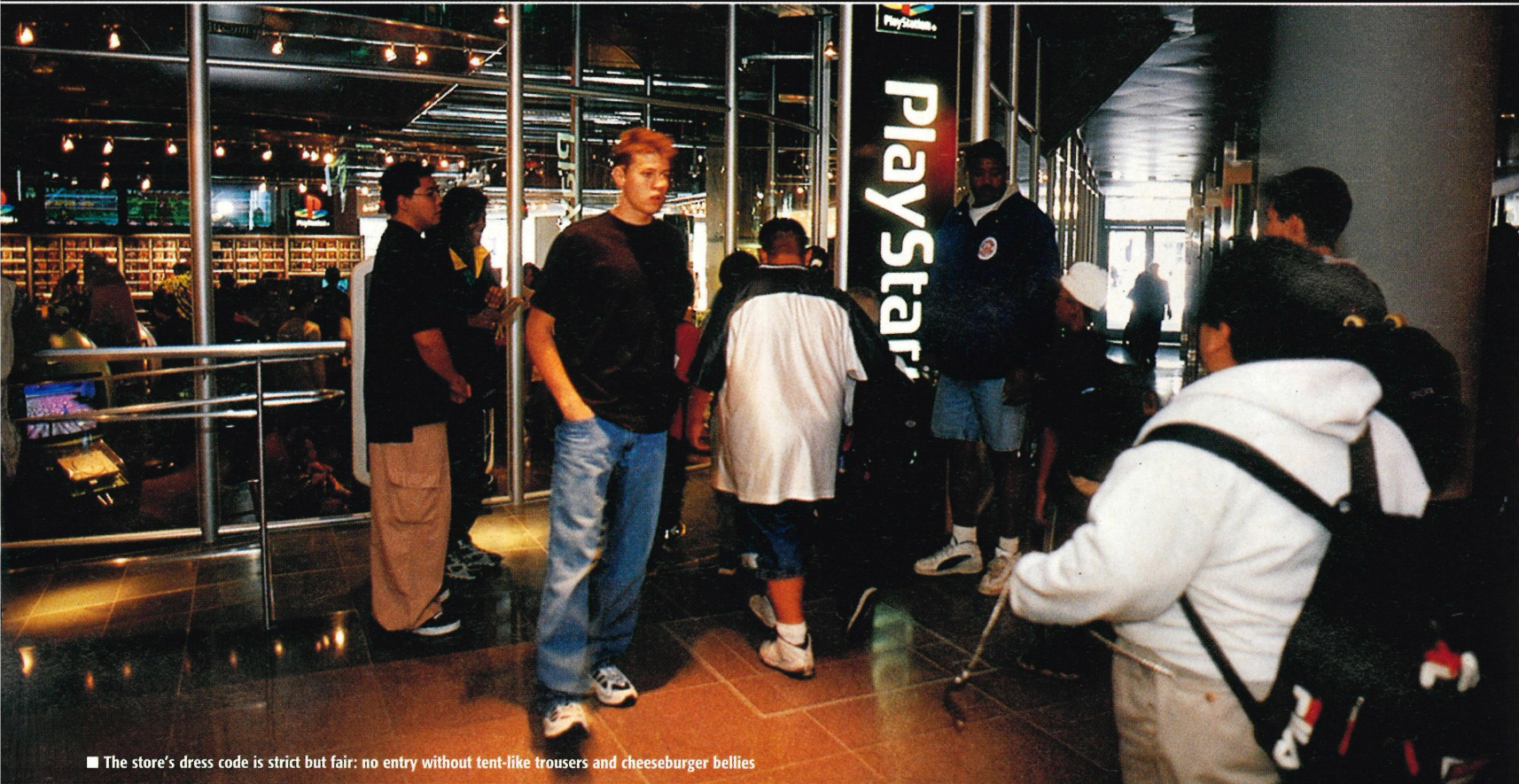


■ Some greedy gits just had to have three screens to themselves

SHOP NO MORE!

Stuff you need to know

'THESE GAMES ARE UNIQUE. NO-ONE'S GOT THEM'



■ The store's dress code is strict but fair: no entry without tent-like trousers and cheeseburger bellies

'BUY A TALKING TIN DOG CALLED AIBO FOR \$2,500'

As your basket fills with game kit like key rings, tee-shirts, peripherals and strategy books, you'll be accosted by PlayStation 'Gametenders'. We'd call them 'shop assistants'. Except, being American, they're neatly-dressed, polite and without their UK equivalents' chip on their shoulders. Don't expect cut-price software bargains here - Metreon is owned by Sony so the shop sticks rigidly to the recommended retail prices.

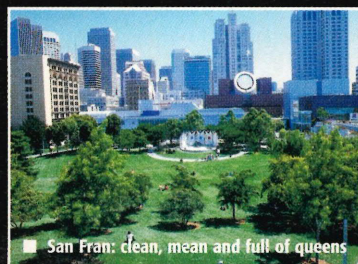
Next door you'll enter tech-head heaven with the Sony Style shop jammed with DVD players, digital video cameras and a talking tin dog called AIBO which you can buy for 'only' \$2,500. Our man managed to resist the temptation.



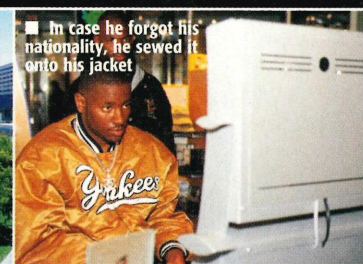
■ The giant Kinder Surprise contained a free PlayStation



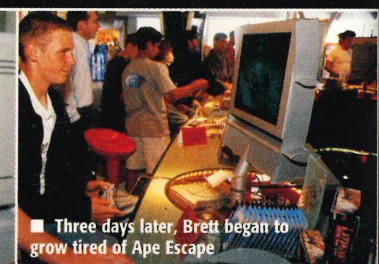
■ 'Er, do you sell stuff for my Nintendo?'



■ San Fran: clean, mean and full of queens



■ In case he forgot his nationality, he sewed it onto his jacket



■ Three days later, Brett began to grow tired of Ape Escape

'THIS IS THE BIGGEST BRUSHED METAL ORGY I'VE EVER SEEN!'

The goth-styled arcade zone Airtight Garage has three super-powerful one-off video games. HyperBowl features a full-sized bowling ball which you can 'virtually' bowl along San Francisco streets, viaducts, ships or through Roman temples, all in graphics so sharp you'll feel you're really there.

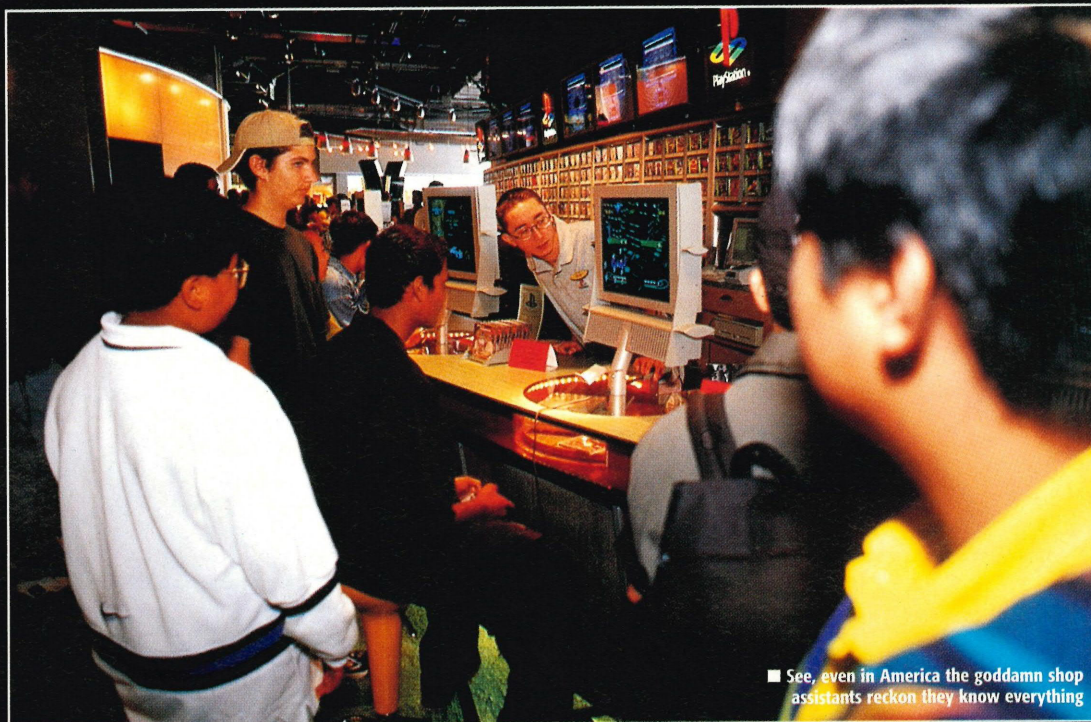
Badlands sees you race hyper-fast sci-fi pods through an asteroid mine where you must transport 'cold gold' in a white-knuckle struggle against your mates. The team-player Quarternia sees you wrestle for control of the Orb of Power against three rival teams. One Silicon Valley punter said: 'These games are unique. No-one else has this stuff, not here in America. And this place is the biggest brushed metal orgy I've ever seen.'

'PULL ON YOUR LIQUID CRYSTAL 3D GLASSES AND FRY YOUR BRAIN'

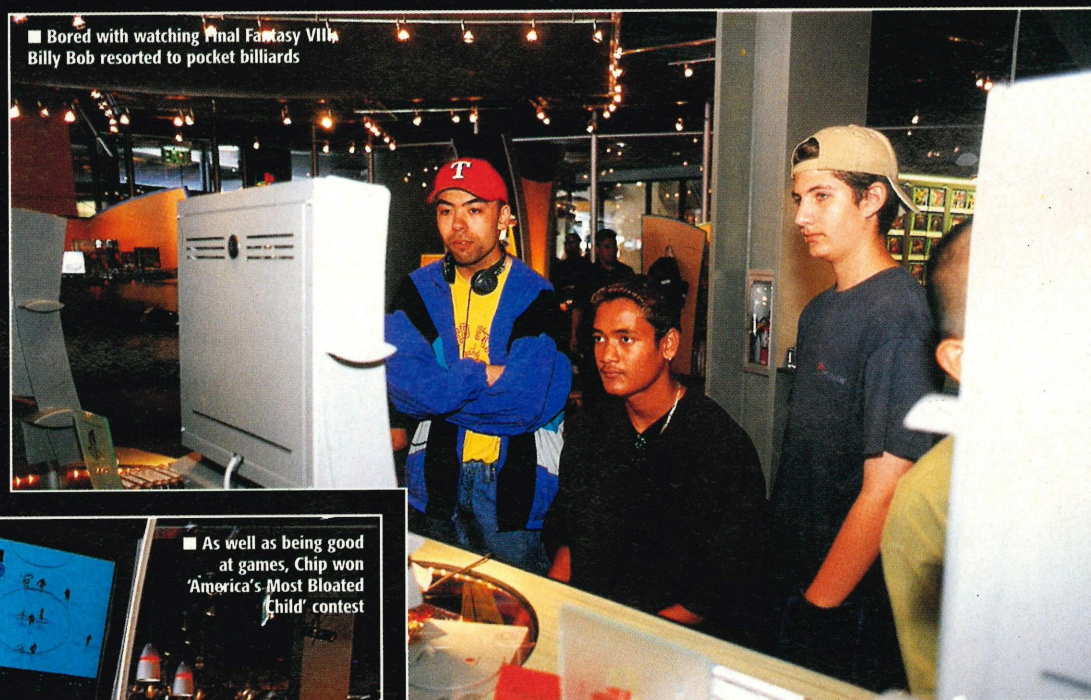
Entertainment overload continues on the third floor where an eight-storey tall IMAX screen carries normal and 3D movies to an audience of up to 600.

The full 3D sensation is made by slimline liquid crystal headsets which the audience wears. And the 15-screen movie complex, which can hold 3,900 punters boasts the sort of five-star kit you'd expect on a BA First Class flight - super comfy 'stadium style' high-backed rocking chair seating, huge screens, and the trickiest THX and digital sound systems you can get.

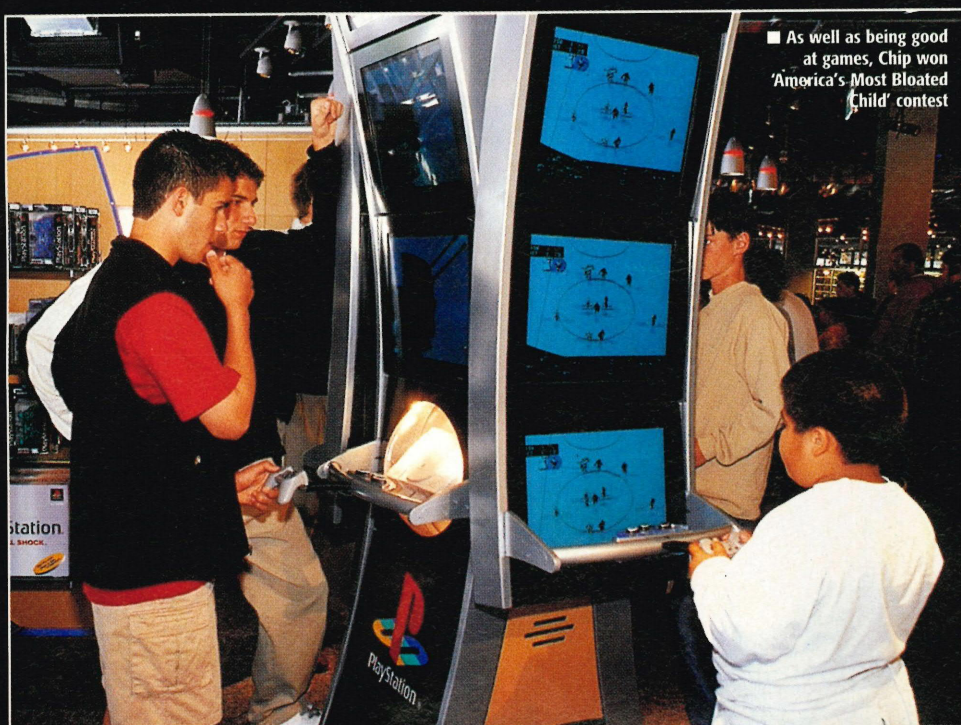
Sony says it has no plans to bring Metreon to the UK yet so expect to pay £200-£600 for a San Francisco return ticket if you want the full in-er-face consumer brain fry.



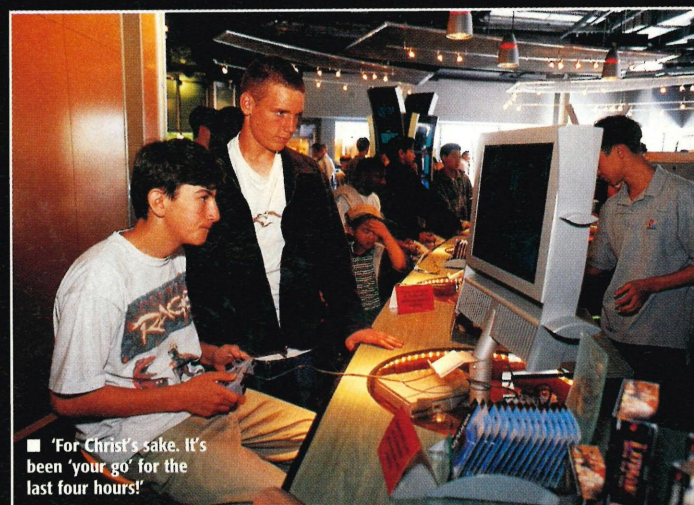
■ See, even in America the goddamn shop assistants reckon they know everything



■ Bored with watching Final Fantasy VIII Billy Bob resorted to pocket billiards



■ As well as being good at games, Chip won 'America's Most Bloated Child' contest



■ 'For Christ's sake. It's been 'your go' for the last four hours!'

Instant Expert

TIPS, CHEATS AND ADVICE FOR STACKS OF PLAYSTATION GAMES

Silent Hill and Syphon Filter given the full treatment, plus loads of other games tipped, cheated and sorted!

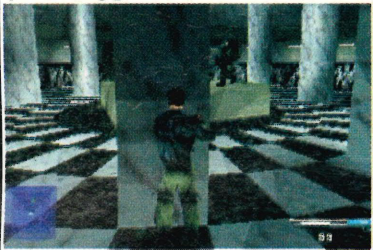
Torn apart this month

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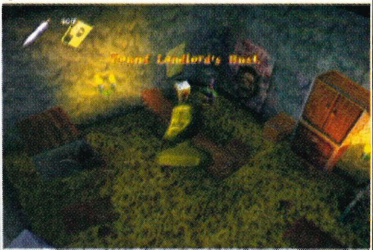
■ All the hardest puzzles busted, plus a full-on guide to how to get the best game ending

p54 **Syphon Filter**



■ Step-by-step guide to how to kill every single boss without breaking sweat

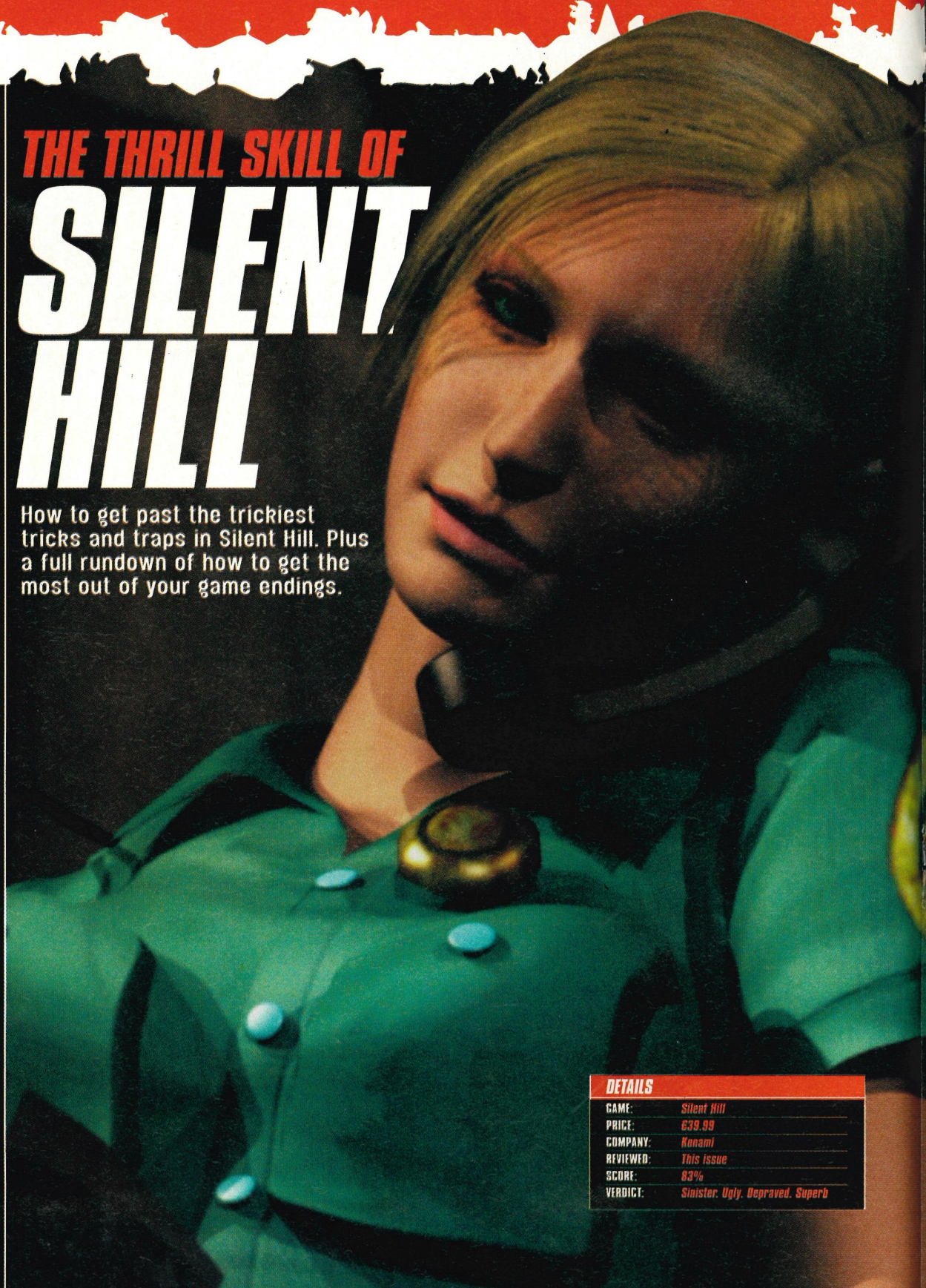
p58 **MediEvil**



■ Never get stuck on MediEvil again with our game-busting hints and tips

THE THRILL SKILL OF **SILENT HILL**

How to get past the trickiest tricks and traps in Silent Hill. Plus a full rundown of how to get the most out of your game endings.



DETAILS

GAME:	<i>Silent Hill</i>
PRICE:	£39.99
COMPANY:	Konami
REVIEWED:	<i>This issue</i>
SCORE:	83%
VERDICT:	<i>Sinister. Ugly. Depraved. Superb</i>

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1. THOSE BLOODY GATES

First tip: *don't* try to solve this puzzle by turning the valves at random. It's just about impossible. And you won't be able to get it back to the starting position either. So don't touch. The combination to open the gates is: turn the left valve to the right once, turn the right valve to the left twice. Simple.



■ A real super-toughie of a puzzle



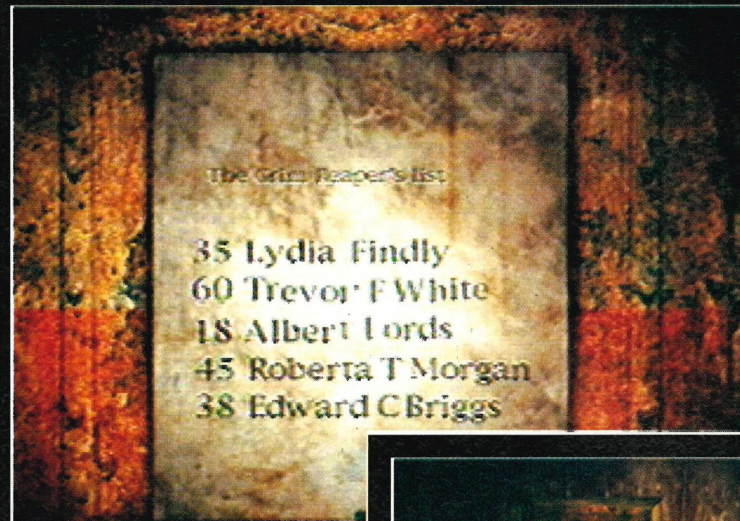
■ But follow our instructions and it's easy



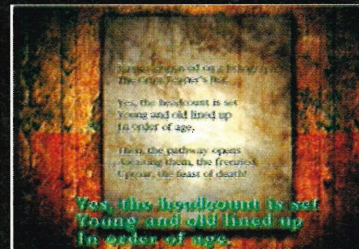
■ Turn the left valve one turn to the right and the right valve two turns to the left. You're through!

2. THE GRIM REAPER PUZZLE

Another one you won't guess in a million years. The poem down the hall refers to the names of the people on the list. What you do is take the first letter of each of their first names and arrange them in order of the people's ages. This gives you the word 'ALERT'. Key it in, and the door opens.



■ Put these people in order of age



■ Because that's what the poem tells you



■ Then key in the word 'Alert' over here

3. THAT DAMN PIANO PUZZLE

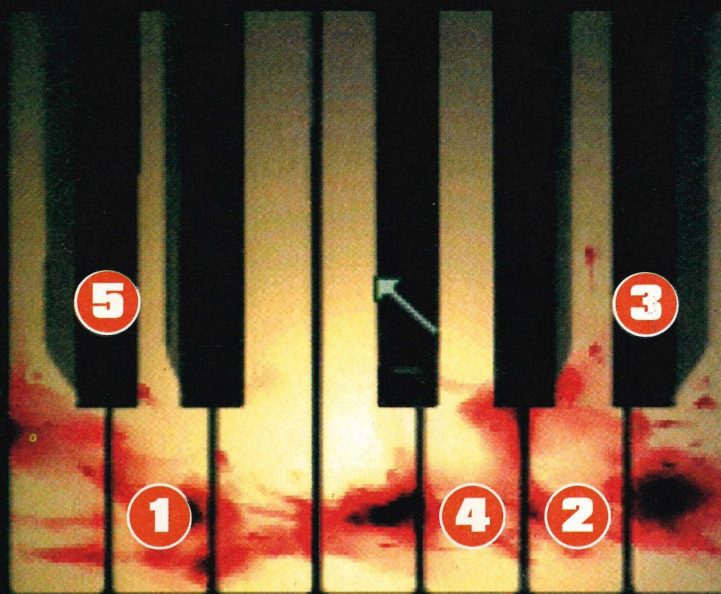
This is the bit that Silent Hillers will *always* get stuck on. It's the game's first riddle. The rhyme refers to the piano keys (obviously) and the positioning of the silent keys you need to hit to get the silver medallion. Here's where they are.



■ Gold medallion here opens piano



■ The poem on the wall tells you which keys to hit. But in a stupid and difficult way

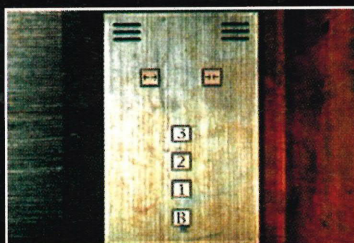


■ The keys you need to hit are the ones that just make a little click. Here's the order you need to hit them in. Easy when you know how

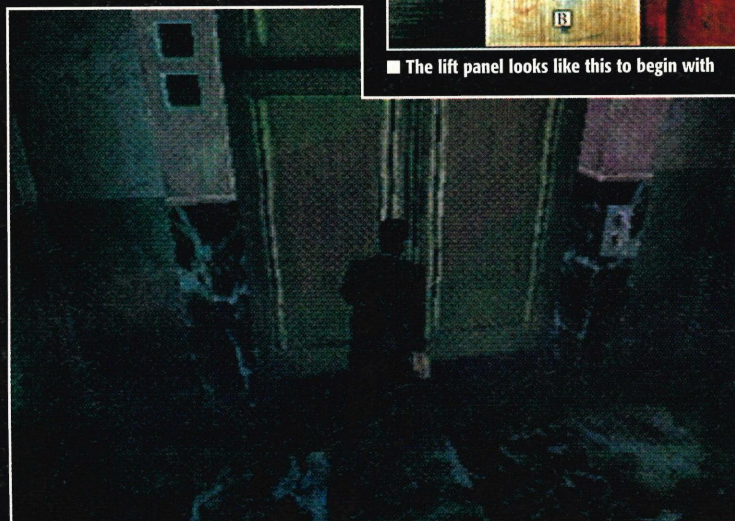
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4. THE LIFT OF CONFUSION

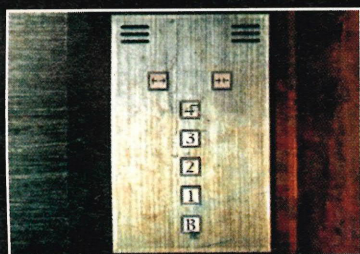
In Midwich Hospital, you'll turn the power on in the basement and then find yourself wandering around aimlessly between three floors where you can't get in through the doors. The trick is to wander about a bit more before a secret fourth floor will open up. There's no warning but a new floor button will just appear on the lift. The fourth floor takes you through to the dark hospital.



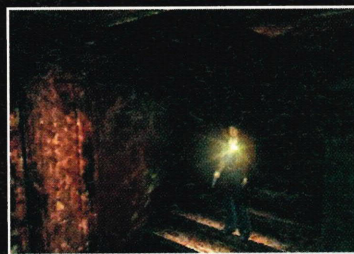
■ The lift panel looks like this to begin with



■ But if you keep going up and down between floors and stepping in and out, it changes

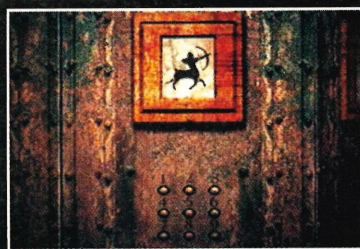


■ Suddenly, a floor 4 button appears in the lift



■ Which takes deep into the dark hospital

5. MORE CONFUSION



■ Sagittarius: six legs on this beast

There's pics of loads of zodiac signs on the walls, all with numbers next to them. The three pictures with keypads have no number. The trick is that the number refers to the number of legs on the zodiac sign in question. Seriously. So Pisces is 0, Sagittarius 6 and so on. Just count the legs, key in the number, and the key drops out.



■ See, the panel's giving you a clue. There's two fish here, but no legs on either of 'em

STILL STUCK?

Those are the bits that really ground our gonads on the first play through Silent Hill. But there are plenty of other puzzles to tear your hair out to. E-mail our tips man richard.marsh@ecm.emap.com or drop us a line in an envelope marked 'Q&A Silent Hill Special' and we'll deal with your problem in a master-class in our next issue.

TO THE BITTER END

There are five endings to get in Silent Hill but you'll have to be a dedicated player to get them all. Instead, check this out. Plus we've tips on how to get super-powered weaponry

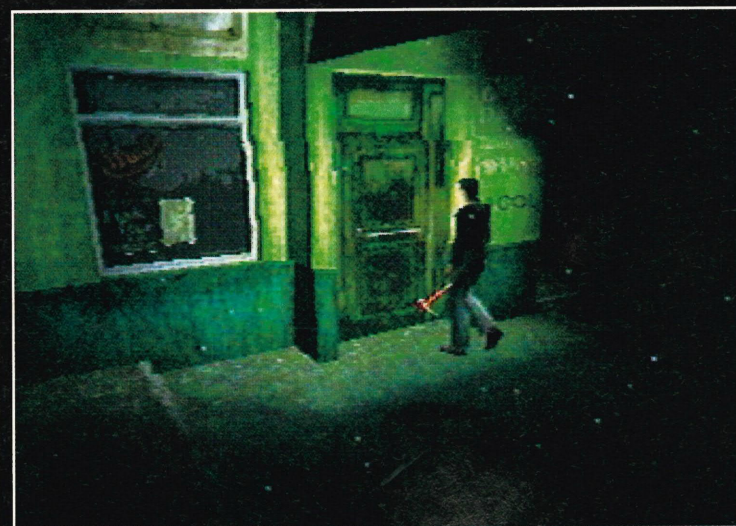
BASIC ENDINGS

To get any of the four basic endings, it's just a case of choosing who you save, and who you leave to die. The final boss also varies in strength according to whose bacon you've saved:

BAD ENDING For a severely unhappy ending, don't save Kaufmann, and don't save Cybil
NOT SO BAD ENDING Don't save Kaufmann, save Cybil
GOOD Save Kaufmann, kill Cybil
VERY GOOD Save Kaufmann, save Cybil

SAVING KAUFMANN

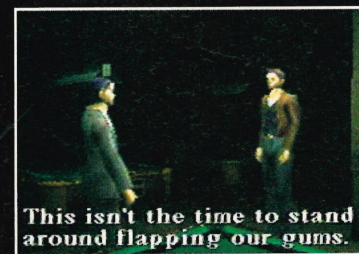
To save Kaufmann, you need to go to Annie's Bar in the Resort Area of Silent Hill. You'll see the good doctor being mauled by mutants, then you'll step in and save him. Easy done.



■ Just head on over to this green door in the resort area



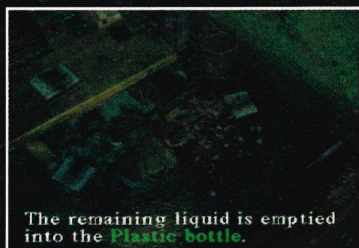
■ A cutscene follows. You save Kaufmann



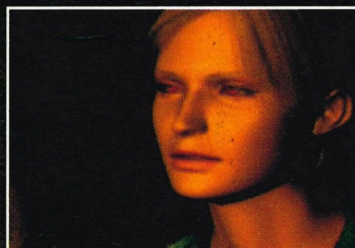
■ Dr K says some very odd things

SAVING CYBIL

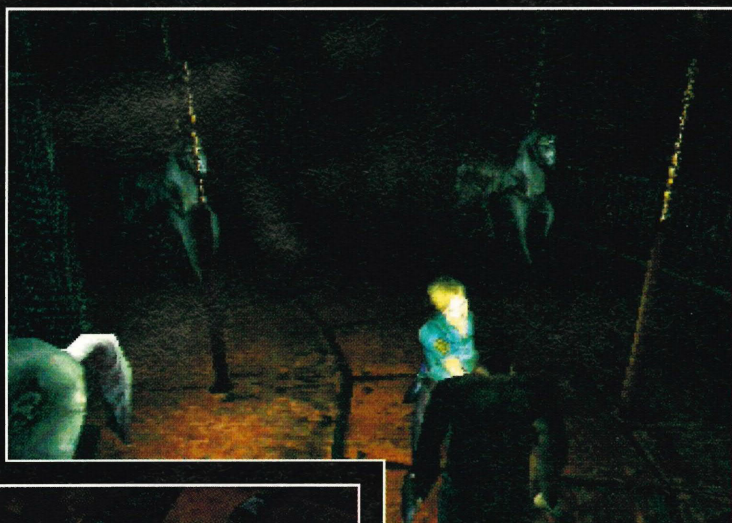
During your fight with the possessed Cybil, you have to soak her in the Unknown Liquid. To get this, take a plastic bottle from the hospital kitchen and hold it over the red stuff on the floor of the director's office. Chucking the liquid on her is tricky, because you'll keep getting the old 'You can't use that here' noise until you get it just right. On Easy mode, just douse her as soon as she raises her hand to hit you. On anything else, you'll have to dodge her until she's out of bullets, then chuck it on her back. Tricky.



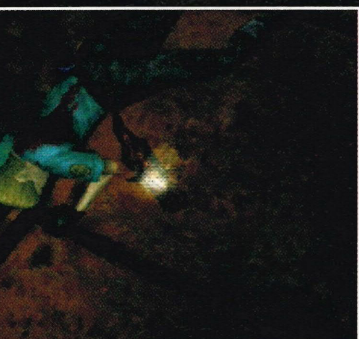
■ Get the plastic bottle from the hospital kitchen and use it here



■ Late on in the game, you meet Cybil in the amusement park. She's looking a little peaky



■ Choose your moment and soak her in fluid



■ If you get it right, which isn't easy, she'll keel over and scream a bit

■ If you don't hit her with the red stuff first time out, keep trying

AND THAT LAST ENDING!

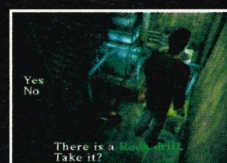
To get the last ending where UFOs come down you'll have to be extra obsessive. What you need to do is grab the Channeling Stone from the convenience store in Next Fear mode and use it in the locations below. If you do it right, the game'll end on top of the lighthouse with aliens landing, killing Harry, then talking gibberish. Odd.



■ Use the channeling stone on the roof of the alternate school and before you fight the moth, then outside Norman's Motel, inside the boat and lastly on top of the lighthouse

LET'S PACK SOME SERIOUS HEAT!

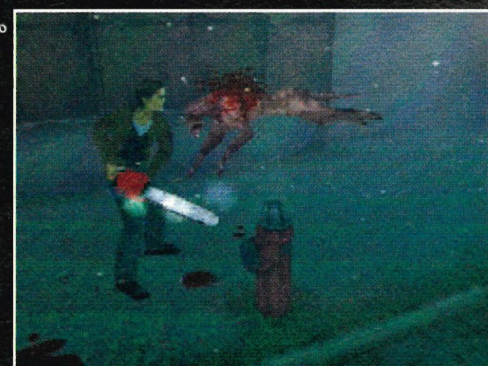
To get the chainsaw and rock drill to appear in Next Fear mode, you just have to complete the game with a Good+ ending. That'll get you the channeling stone as well. To get the Katana sword, you have to get through the game using less than three saves and no ampoules or first aid kits. If you manage to get the UFO ending (see above), you get the Hyperblaster which is a replica of Konami's lightgun!



■ You get the rock drill here



■ You need fuel for the drill



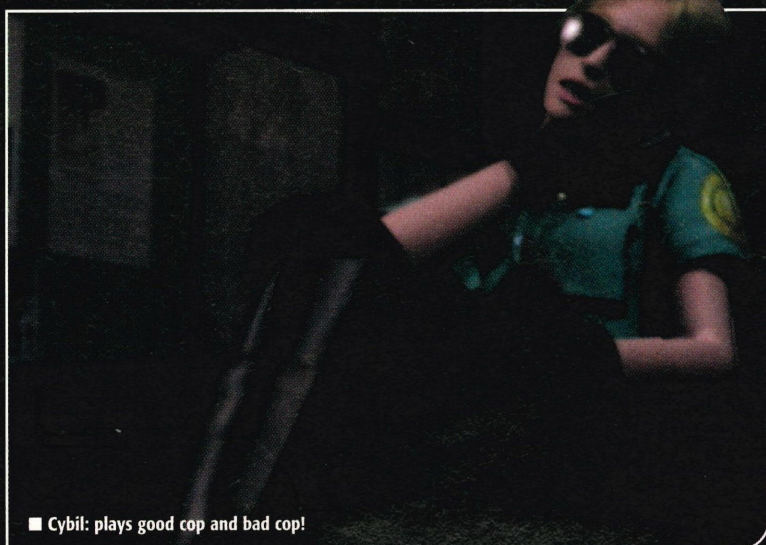
■ The chainsaw in action. Squeal like a dog!

NEXT FEAR MODE

Warning! To get the extra guns, or the channeling stone, you'll have to go seek in Next Fear mode. This only opens up once you've completed the game with a Good+ rating.

GAME RESULTS	
Mode	EASY
Game clear	1
Ending	GOOD+
Saves	31
Continues	2
Total time	15h 54m 44s
Walking distance	2.957km
Running distance	17.671km
Items	162/204 ()
Defeated enemy by fighting	76
Defeated enemy by shooting	55
Shooting style	
Short range shots	0.30
Middle range shots	0.34
Long range shots	0.20
No aiming shots	0.16
Your rank	★★★★★

■ Here, we've got a ranking of 4/8 so we scooped the Katana, rock drill and channeling stone



■ Cybil: plays good cop and bad cop!

SYPHON FILTER

Syphon Filter is among the most exciting and addictive games on the 'Station. There isn't a huge number of bosses to deal with, but they're tricky as hell. To send the bossmen (and women) back under the rocks they crawled out from, follow our essential guide.

DETAILS

GAME:	<i>Syphon Filter</i>
PRICE:	<i>£39.99</i>
COMPANY:	<i>Sony</i>
REVIEWED:	<i>July 99 issue</i>
SCORE:	<i>92%</i>
VERDICT:	<i>A blistering spy 'em up</i>

BOSS 1: MARA ARAMOV

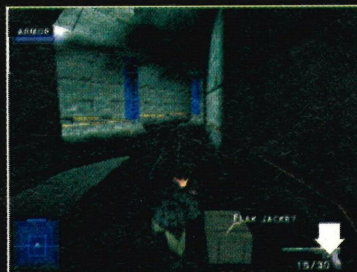
LOCATION: MAIN SUBWAY LINE

To kill Aramov you're going to need your wits about you. Capping her involves chasing her down a subway track. Sounds simple enough. It would be if there weren't trains coming straight at you down both the tracks. The key to staying alive is to remember that the trains follow a strict pattern. If one train is coming towards you on one track, then the next train will approach on the opposite track going the other way. Remember you can use your roll move to dodge between the different tracks and keep moving.

THE WEAPON WE USED: SNIPER RIFLE



■ Aramov's wearing a flak jacket so select the sniper rifle and prepare for a head shot



1 Before you start pursuing her, take the flak jacket at the very start of the level

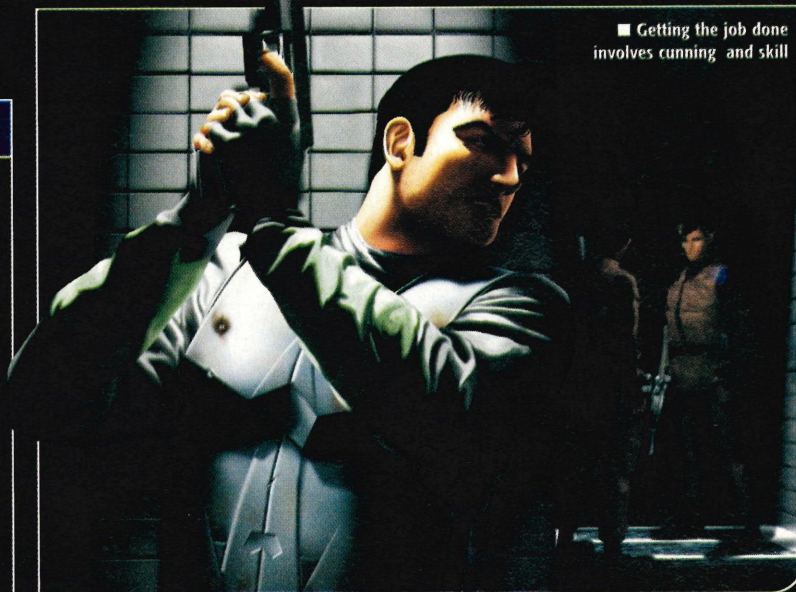


2 Ignore the goons on the platforms: they won't follow you, and if you scoot past them they don't inflict too much damage



3 Remember you can roll between the tracks

4 To down Aramov you need speed and a steady sniper's hand. Anything other than a head shot is a waste of shells 'cos she's wearing a flak jacket.



■ Getting the job done involves cunning and skill

BOSS 2: ANTON GIRDEAUX

LOCATION: FREEDOM MEMORIAL

Girdeaux carries a flame-thrower. He's extremely dangerous. Taste his heat and you're a flame-grilled agent, so stay on the move at all times. The key to sending him Hellwards is to hit his weak point, the gas tank on his back. Choose a rude weapon like the shotgun. Tiddlers like the pistol take a lot longer to wreck him and he'll have smoked you by then.

THE WEAPON WE USED: SHOTGUN



■ Select the shotgun to boost your chances



1 Keep a pillar between you and Girdeaux. If he clocks you, move fast and immediately



2 Select select manual aim (L1) to better your chances



2 Use L2 or R2 to peek out from behind the pillar. Aim for his gas tank and let rip

Instant Expert: Syphon Filter

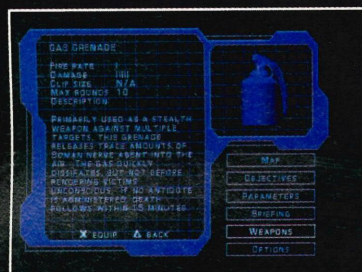
■ The mad terrorists will soon learn that Gabe Logan is not a man to be messed with

BOSS 3: RHOEMER

LOCATION: MISSILE SILO

Unless you follow our cunning plan you'll find Rhoemer impossible to nail. He's armed with a grenade launcher, which kills with one shot. He reloads very quickly, and moves around at high speed. None of your weapons will cause him significant damage, so don't waste your time shooting at him. The only things that'll hurt him are gas grenades. Luckily for you, there are some very close at hand.

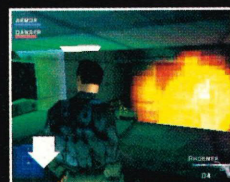
THE WEAPON WE USED: GAS GRENADE



■ Gas grenades; silent but deadly fart of death



1 First up, climb the cabinet in front of you



6 Watch your radar for Rhoemer and keep moving



5 Crouch and get the gas grenades in the far right corner



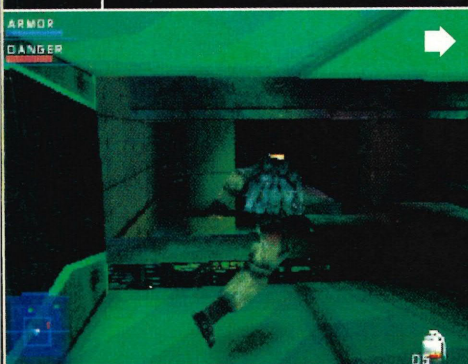
4 Position yourself at the back of the platform, safe from harm



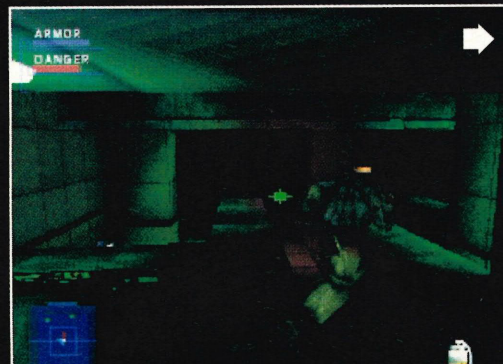
3 Move straight towards the raised platform



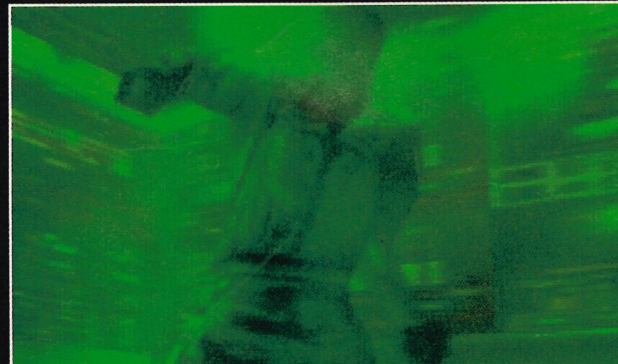
2 Pick off the guard on the raised platform in front of you. You'll want to get up there to get the gas grenades



7 Keep moving around using your strafe buttons so Rhoemer doesn't get a target lock



8 When he gets close use [L1] to throw a gas grenade at him.



9 And he's down. Easy when you know how. Sit back and enjoy the end-sequence

Q&A

We've got stacks of hints, tips and cheats. And y'know what, we're not afraid to use them. If you've got a gaming problem, we've got the solution

New games, new cheats

The latest word in cheatin'

Get ready to blow some slammin' games wide open with a little help from Plus. We've got prime cheat codes for two of the hottest games around: Grand Theft Auto: London and Syphon Filter. Are we good to you or what?

SYPHON FILTER

LEVEL SELECT

PAUSE THE GAME AND GO TO THE OPTIONS MENU, HIGHLIGHT SELECT MISSION. NOW PRESS AND HOLD **L1 R1 SEL** AND **△** AND **×**. ALL THE LEVELS SHOULD NOW BE OPEN.

ALL WEAPONS AND AMMO

PAUSE THE GAME AND HIGHLIGHT THE WEAPONS MENU. THEN PRESS AND HOLD **R2 L2** AND **△** AND **×**. ALL OF THE AVAILABLE WEAPONS ON THE MISSION YOU'RE PLAYING WILL BE SELECTABLE.

ONE SHOT KILLS

PAUSE THE GAME AND GO TO THE WEAPONS MENU. HIGHLIGHT THE SILENCED 9MM AND PRESS AND HOLD **R2 SEL L1** AND **△** AND **×**. YOU'LL HEAR GABRIEL SAY 'UNDERSTOOD' TO CONFIRM YOU'VE DONE IT RIGHT.

ENEMIES TAKE DOUBLE DAMAGE

PAUSE THE GAME AND HIGHLIGHT THE MAP MENU. THEN PRESS **R1 L2** AND **×**. YOU SHOULD HEAR A LAUGH TO CONFIRM.

HARD DIFFICULTY

AT THE TITLE SCREEN, HIGHLIGHT NEW GAME. PRESS AND HOLD (IN ORDER) **△**, **L1**, **R2**, **SEL**, **△**, **×**. YOU SHOULD HEAR GABRIEL SAY 'DAMMIT' TO CONFIRM.

MOVIE TIME

TURN LEFT AFTER JUMPING OUT OF THE WINDOW IN THE SALOON AND YOU'LL FIND A MOVIE THEATRE. STAND IN FRONT OF THE DOOR AND PAUSE THE GAME. GO TO THE MAP MENU AND PRESS AND HOLD **L2 R1** AND **×**. YOU SHOULD THEN HEAR GABRIEL SAY 'GOT IT.' NOW EXIT AND UNPAUSE. ENTER THROUGH EITHER DOOR TO WATCH ALL OF THE FMVS IN THE GAME.

Featured in Q&A this month

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GRAND THEFT AUTO: LONDON

Enter any of the codes as your player name:

TOOLEDUP

ALL INFINITE WEAPONS, GET OUT OF JAIL FREE CARD, AND ARMOUR

SIDEBURN

5X MULTIPLIER

HAROLDHAND

PARROT PICTURE, ALL LEVELS, ALL INFINITE WEAPONS, GET OUT OF JAIL FREE CARD, ARMOUR, CO-ORDINATES, 9,999,990 POINTS, 5X MULTIPLIER, NO COPS, AND 99 LIVES

GETCARTER

ALL LEVELS, ALL INFINITE WEAPONS, GET OUT OF JAIL FREE CARD, ARMOUR, CO-ORDINATES, 5X MULTIPLIER, 99 LIVES, MAXIMUM WANTED LEVEL

PENTHOUSE

LONDON LEVELS 1 THROUGH 3

READERWIFE

ALL LEVELS

FREEMANS

ALL LEVELS, ALL INFINITE WEAPONS, GET OUT OF JAIL FREE CARD, ARMOUR, AND 5X MULTIPLIER

MCVICAR

99 LIVES

BIGBEN

9,999,990 POINTS

SWEENEY

CO-ORDINATES

LOBILL

MAXIMUM WANTED LEVEL

GRASS

NO COPS

MAYFAIR

LONDON LEVELS 1 & 2

RAZZLE

ALL LEVELS

SORTED

ALL LEVELS, ALL INFINITE WEAPONS, GET OUT OF JAIL FREE CARD, AND ARMOUR



CIVILISATION 2

SELECT BUILD NEW CITY AND ENTER 'CASH' AS A NAME. YOU'VE GOT TO HOLD **R1** WHEN ENTERING THE LETTER H AT THE END OF THE NAME. YOU'LL NOW HAVE 29,000 GOLD PIECES IN THE BANK.

KKND: KROSSFIRE

ENTER ANY OF THESE CODES TO JUMP TO THE END MISSIONS:

KQUILLZ

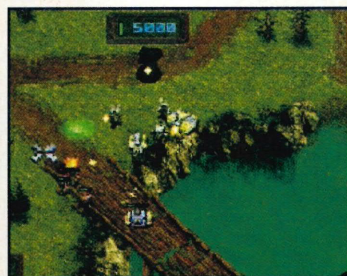
START ON LAST MISSION WITH EVOLVED

GTHGJZ

START ON LAST MISSION WITH SURVIVORS

MHICYZ

START ON MISSION 7 WITH THE SERIES 9



■ Skip the boring bits, get to the nitty gritty

TIGER WOODS 99

TWICE AS HILLY COURSE

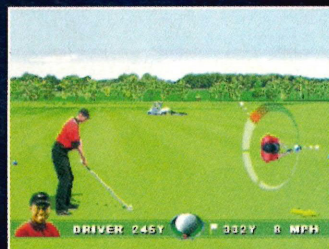
IF YOU FANCY A BIT MORE OF A CHALLENGE SELECT THE EDIT NAME OPTION ON THE PLAYER SELECT MENU AND ENTER **PUMPZ** AS A NAME. NOW THE COURSE WILL BE MORE HILLY.

FOUR TIMES AS HILLY COURSE

SELECT THE EDIT NAME OPTION ON THE PLAYER SELECT MENU AND ENTER **MAXIMUMZ** AS A NAME. NOW YOU'LL HAVE A JOB ON.

DESTROY GOLF CART

SELECT PRACTICE FACILITY MODE AND CHOOSE THE DRIVING OPTION. HIT THE GOLF CART THREE TIMES TO BLOW IT UP. BE WARNED IT'S TRICKY TO DO.



■ Tiger like nothing more than blowing up golf carts with 'special' golf balls. Easy Tiger

Instant Expert: Your problems solved

X-Games Pro Boarders

Hellooo, I've recently bought X-Games Pro Boarders on the PlayStation and can't seem to get anywhere. Please help me!

Mike Myers

plus Hi Mike, why not have a stab at this lovely cheat.

ALL TRACKS AND CIRCUITS
ENTER

■ Don't mess about with qualifying - cheat



Steel Reign

Tank busting action

I've borrowed the hard as nails game Steel Reign of my mate. Please, please have you got any cheats to help me?

General Lee Bad

plus Ho, bleedin' ho. You must have got quite a ribbing during you army training. Now go away and take your comedy name and these cheats and go win a war, why dontcha?

All the cheats have to be entered very quickly at the main menu. And we mean very quickly.

INVINCIBILITY

L2 L1 R2

SECRET TANKS

L1 L2 L1

EXTRA LEVEL

L1 L2 L1 L2 R2 R1



■ This awesome tank kicks serious butt



■ Get your hands on a heavy-weight tank

Ninja: Shadow of Darkness

Ninja cheats

Hi, I'm looking for cheats for Ninja: Shadow of Darkness. Could you help?

Mark Smith

Mark we're pulling out all the stops for you. Take a look at this fine selection:

BIG-BOY NINJA

RIGHT, FOR THIS ONE PRESS

SEL SEL SEL L2 L2 L2 SEL SEL

SEL WHEN 'PRESS START' FLASHES AT THE TITLE SCREEN. YOU'LL HEAR A SOUND AND THE NINJA WILL HAVE A BIG HEAD, HANDS, AND FEET.

INVINCIBILITY & ITEMS

PAUSE THE GAME AND PRESS

L2 R2 L2 L2 L2 R2 R2 R2

○ △ □ ○ △ □. YOU'LL HEAR A SOUND

AND THE NINJA WILL TURN INTO A SKELETON. TO TURN HIM BACK KEEPING THE EXTRA ITEMS, RE-ENTER THE CODE.

ALL WEAPONS

PAUSE THE GAME AND PRESS

R2 R2 R2 L2 L2 L2 R2 R2

R2 L2 L2 L2 L2 L2 L2 UNTIL YOU'LL HEAR A JINGLE. REPEAT THIS CODE TO SELECT THE NEXT AVAILABLE WEAPON.

LEVEL SELECT

WHEN THE GAME FIRST LOADS UP, AND THE 'CHECKING MEMORY CARD' SCREEN COMES UP, PRESS **L2 L2 L2 R2 R2 R2**.

IF IT'S WORKED YOU'LL SEE THE WORDS 'DE'S CHEAT ON'. NOW ON THE MAIN MENU YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SELECT ANY LEVEL BY MOVING UP AND DOWN.



■ Power up your chopsocky ninja

Gear Guru

A mate told me you can use a pen on a PlayStation to run import games. Where do you put the pen?

Dave Freeman

On some PlayStations you can use a pen to trick your Station into playing import games. The bad news is Sony caught on to the scam pretty quickly. It only works on PlayStations bought within the first year of release. To find out if your Station's equipped to do the trick open up the lid. If there's a black hole in the top right then you can do it.

Are there any plans to bring out a follow up to Music?

Ashmir Bandasar

A little birdie told us that there will be, and it's going to be called Music 2000. It's a whole new game, loaded with new samples and some sort of game. Further details are a bit sketchy at the moment. Check out PlayStation Plus in the future for news as it breaks.

I've been trying to get my girlfriend to play my PlayStation, but she's left handed and finds it hard. But she's the queen of Time Crisis. Do they do left handed controls?

Delray Thompson

We made a few discreet enquiries on behalf of your better half. There is no such thing in the whole of Christendom. We suggest building up her hand-eye co-ordination with the help of sandwich-making and beer

opening, hovering etc. If this doesn't work try a few sessions on the classic game 'Simon'. That should do the trick.

When is Discworld Noir coming out?

Anthony Gore

Our man in the know tells us it'll be released in time for Christmas. So that's another addition to Santa's list, eh?



■ Music 2000, expect added rock n' roll

MEDIEVIL

Back by popular demand

How do I pass Sleeping Village in Medievil?

James Growler

Cool name, is it yours? We've been getting tons of mail asking for help with this game. Seems the Sleeping Village has a few people stumped. Take a decko at this...

First thing don't kill any of the possessed villagers.



1 First up you need to find the stairs leading to the canal. Once you're there you need to turn off the water to stop the fountain in the main square



2 Use the club to smash the false bookcase to open the hidden library. In the library you will find the mould



3 Take the blue rune to the house with the orange button, barrels and fenced off area. Use the rune, push a barrel onto the button to go downstairs

Platinum A-Z continued

R is for 'ready to quit'

This month we turn our cheatin' eyes to games beginning with the letter R. There's also two eagerly anticipated Platinum releases this month: Colin McRae Rally and Cool Boarders 2. If you want to know if they're worth shelling out for turn to page 78 and 80 for their reviews. And as ever we've included cheats for them in this month's Q&A.

RAYMAN

LARGE RAYMAN DEMO

AFTER UBI-SOFT LOGO, PRESS AND HOLD **L1 L2 R1 R2**. KEEP THE BUTTONS HELD UNTIL THE ANIMATION OF THE BRICK WALL APPEARS. PRESS AND HOLD DOWN **S**. WHEN THE SCREEN GOES BLACK RELEASE ALL BUTTONS FOR RAYMAN DEMO.

PICTURE IN PICTURE

PAUSE THE GAME. WHILE HOLDING DOWN **R2**, PRESS **○ ○ ◀ ▶** TO GET PICTURE IN PICTURE MODE. ENTER AGAIN TO DE-ACTIVATE.

UNLIMITED CONTINUES

WHEN YOU ARE AT THE CONTINUE SCREEN, AND HAVE BETWEEN ZERO AND THREE LIVES LEFT PRESS **▲ ▼ ▶ ◀**. YOU'LL NOW GET TEN CONTINUES.

LEVEL CODES

BAND LAND, ALLEGRO PRESTO
IGNSZ36N9X
BLUE MOUNTAIN, TWILIGHT GULCH
PINJFIQ29P
BLUE MOUNTAIN, THE HARD ROCKS
Z7WOZ3QTFP
PICTURE CITY, PENCIL PENTATHALON
Z8N8P36D6P
PICTURE CITY, SPACE MAMA'S CRATER
Z8WOZ5QNOZ
THE CAVE OF SKOPS, CRYSTAL PALACE
VPN8P1646Z
THE CAVE OF SKOPS, EAT AT JOE'S
P1NO716NSZ
CAVE OF SKOPS, MR SKOPS' STALACTITIES
FGN83562SZ
CANDY CHATEAU
FJSJIC62OP

RIDGE RACER

TWIN SHIPS IN GALAGA

HOLD **L1 ▲** AND **×** WHILE THE GAME LOADS TO GET TWO SHIPS SIDE BY SIDE IN THE GALAGA GAME.

MIRROR MODE

TO RACE ON A MIRROR OF A TRACK, JUST TURN AROUND AT THE START OF THE RACE. ON THE NORMAL TRACKS, TURN JUST BEFORE YOU GET TO THE MAIN STRAIGHT. ON THE EXTRA COURSES, TURN AROUND BEFORE THE FIRST CURVE. ACCELERATE HARD AND DRIVE STRAIGHT THROUGH THE BRICK WALL.

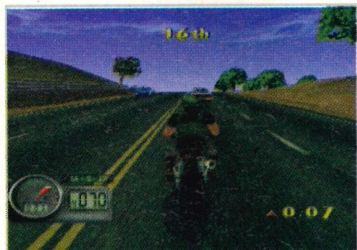


■ Wrong way they said. It just goes to prove you should not always do what people say

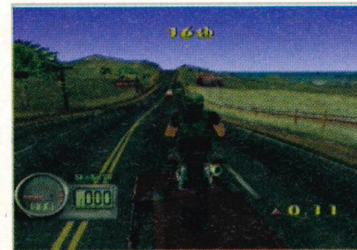
ROAD RASH 3D

HITCH A RIDE

PRESS **×** TWICE TO POP A WHEELIE, THEN KEEP TAPPING **×** UNTIL A CAR IS FOUND.



■ When you're just behind a car, hit **×**



■ Now you've got the best view in the house

RIDE OVER THE CAR, THEN BRAKE AND PRESS **○**. GET IT RIGHT AND YOUR BIKE WILL STOP ON TOP OF THE CAR.

O.D.T.

Is there a cheat for weapons on O.D.T.?

Kath Morecombe

plus Only one, and this is it

WEAPONS UPGRADE

TO UPGRADE WEAPONS AT ANY TIME PAUSE THE GAME (PRESS **ST**), THEN PRESS **R1 L1 R2 L2** **◀ ▶**.

■ You'll need some powerful weapons if you want to beat this game



Tenchu

Gizza sequel

Is it true there's going to be a sequel to Tenchu? And have you got cheats for the original?

Andy Long

plus Yes and yes. There's is going to be a sequel and we think it'll hit our shores in time for Christmas. As for the original, chow down on this selection...

EXTRA LARGE POCKETS

ON THE ITEM SELECT SCREEN PRESS **○ ◻ ▲ ▶** WHILE HOLDING THE **R2** BUTTON. THIS WILL INCREASE YOUR CARRYING CAPACITY TO 99.

SECRET ITEMS

ON THE ITEM SELECT SCREEN PRESS **○ ◻ ▲ ▶** WHILE HOLDING THE **R1** BUTTON UNLOCKING SECRET ITEMS.

HEALING PROPERTY

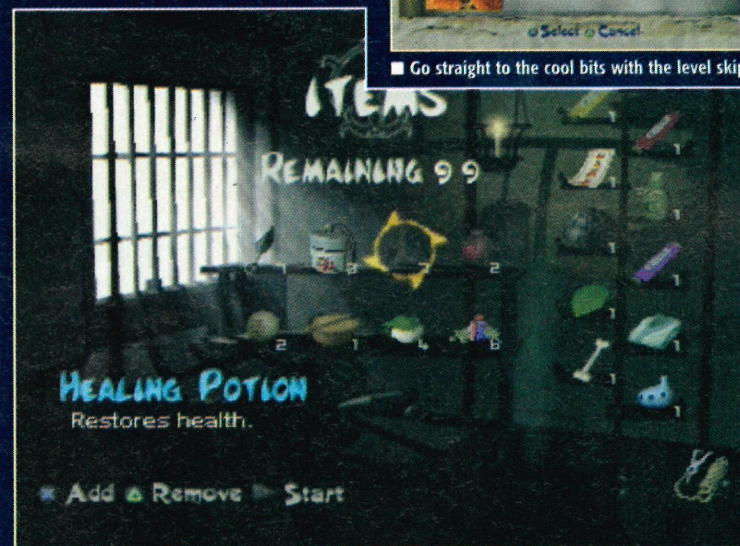
TO RESTORE YOUR HEALTH PAUSE THE GAME DURING A MISSION AND PRESS **○ ◻ ▲ ▶**.

OPEN ALL AREAS

ON THE MISSION SELECTION MAP, PRESS **○ ◻ ▲ ▶** WHILE HOLDING THE **R1** BUTTON.



■ Go straight to the cool bits with the level skip



■ Follow our cheats and get the very handy Tenchu store card, complete with bottomless pockets



4 Smash the barrels blocking the fenced off area. This will get you into the room on the right.. Go up the stairs and get the green rune



5 Use the green rune to open the fenced gate. Hit switch to lower the plinth and go upstairs. Get the Majors bust, which you can now reach



6 Find the blacksmiths house. Place mould and bust in the fireplace. Jump up and down on the bellows forming the crucifix



7 Take the crucifix to the church and place it behind the large altar. This opens a secret passage in the wall with a safe key in it

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Final Fantasy VII

Knights of the round

Elaine, our lady of the seventh Fantasy is back with the essential answers about Knights of the Round and the Lunar harp. Having played FF7 more time is strictly healthy the chances are she'll have the answer to your questions.

Where is 'Knights of the Round' and how do you get it?

Andrew Carter

plus You can only get the Ultimate Summon material if you own a Gold chocobo. If you've got one, keep reading. To find KOTR, you're looking out for a small volcano with high walls and a deep forest in the middle. It lies in the upper north-east area of the world map. It uses 250 MP per use, but can inflict up to and over 70,000 damage points.

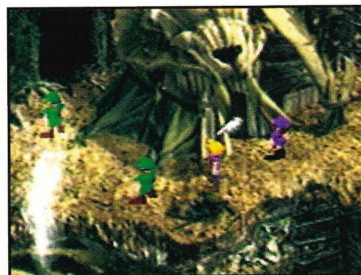


■ This is where you'll find Knights of the Round

How do you get the Lunar Harp from Bone Village?

James Carmichael

plus You should already know how to search, as the man in the large tent tells you. The Harp can only be found after Aeris has left for the City of the Ancients. You should need no more than three workers to find it. First climb the ladder to reach the top tier of the site, and you'll see a smaller bone tent. Place the first worker near the left most corner of the tent. Place the second worker in front of the tent flap to the right. Place the third roughly in-between the two and set off the bomb. The harp is where the workers' line of vision meet at a single point. Dig there and the Harp will be in the town treasure box the next morning. Getting this right can be tricky. Keep at it. You'll get it in the end.



■ Getting this right is a matter of trial and error



Wild Arms

Stop fitting

Are there any cheats or tips for Wild Arms, it's driving me crazy?

Mel Fitchie

plus Calm down. There's a couple of tips that might help you out. Take a deep breath and give these a whirl...

TEMPLE OF MEMORY

THE PASSWORD FOR THE TEMPLE IS EMIKO.

TWO-PLAYER BATTLES

DURING BATTLE INSERT A SECOND CONTROLLER INTO SLOT 2. NOW THE SECOND CONTROLLER CAN ALSO USE THE CHARACTER.

255 ITEMS

YOU CAN USE THIS TACTIC DURING ANY BATTLE.

- 1 THE FIRST PERSON TO ATTACK SHOULD SELECT A HEAL BERRY.
- 2 THE SECOND PERSON TO ATTACK SHOULD SELECT A HEAL BERRY.
- 3 THE THIRD PERSON SHOULD SWAP ANY ITEM THEY HAVE ONE LEFT OF WITH A HEAL

BERRY, THEN ATTACK AS NORMAL. YOU'LL NOW HAVE 255 OF WHATEVER WAS THE ITEM YOU SWITCHED FOR THE HEAL BERRY IN PART THREE. THIS TRICK IS ACE FOR SOME OF THE LATER BOSSES WHERE THE BATTLES TAKE SOME TIME. THE ONLY PROBLEM IS YOU DON'T WANT TO WIN THE BATTLE BEFORE YOU'VE COMPLETED THE ABOVE STEPS. IF YOU DO WIN BEFORE USING IT THEN YOU WON'T RECEIVE THE 255 ITEMS AND YOU'LL LOSE IT COMPLETELY.



■ Now fight as normal...



■ Swap any item you've got one left of...



■ Now you'll have 255 of the item selected

R-Type Delta

Have you any cheats for the retro classic R-Type Delta, something like maximum force power would be good.

Dave Tiller

FORCE AND FULL POWER-UPS
DURING THE GAME, PRESS **PAUSE** TO PAUSE, THEN HOLD **L2** AND ENTER THE CODE.

100% FORCE POWER

◀▶▲▼⬆⬇⬅➡

RED POWER-UP

◀▶▲▼⬆⬇⬅➡

BLUE POWER UP

◀▶▲▼⬆⬇⬅➡

Always happy to oblige. Give these a go Dave, they're right up your street. And if retro games get you going why not try Namco Museum Vol 1 or Arcades Greatest Hits Vol 1 or indeed the remake of the classic game



■ Get your power flowing with the help of PlayStation Plus

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8 The gate in the lake area will now be open. Proceed to the yard of the large house. Go to the houses chimney, hop inside to pull the switch.



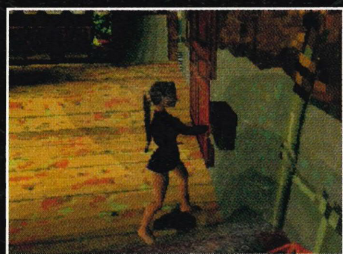
9 Use the safe key on the purple safe to get the shadow artefact. Go back to the large house and walk through the hole in the stone fence.

Tomb Raider 2

Keys

How do you find the key in Lara Croft's house on Tomb Raider 2 because it's really pissing me off.
James Attwood

plus The key can't be found until you've finished the game. What happens is you'll be lying in bed - or at least Lara will be - and then the key can be found on the floor near the bed. This key unlocks the gun cabinet next to her bed. Get playing James...



■ We'll give you a clue - she'll need her guns

Formula Karts

Cheats for Formula Karts please.
Paul Calderwood

plus Certainly.

EXTRA KART
ENTER THE PASSWORD **CHIPPY** TO
REVEAL A BEAST OF A MACHINE

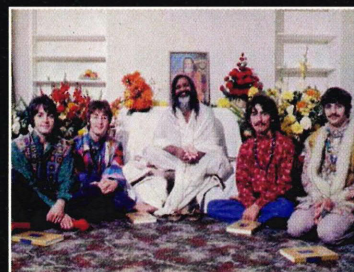
BONUS TRACK
ENTER THE PASSWORD **WOODSTOCK** TO
UNLOCK AN EXTRA TRACK.



■ You'll be 'over the moon' with this cheat

Help

Sometimes even we can't help with your game problems. It's hard to believe, we know. So in our quest to give you only the very best in cheating here's the phone numbers to all the software houses. These numbers will take you straight to their cheats line or technical support. Remember to ask the permission of whoever pays the phone bill.



ACCLAIM	09068 303330
ACTIVISION	01895 456700
TAKE 2/BMG	01429 855046
CODEMASTERS	01926 816044
ELECTRONIC ARTS	0906 753253
EIDOS	0121 3560831
GREMLIN	01142 799 020
GT INTERACTIVE	0891 669910
INTERPLAY	0839 662666
JVC	0171 240 3121
KONAMI	09014 747484
MICROPROSE	01454 893900
NAMCO	0881 505505
PSYGNOSIS	0151 282 3333
SONY	0881 505505
TELSTAR	01932 232299
THQ	07071 223388
UBI SOFT	0181 944 9000

■ If you need help, go find a wise man, one with a big beard. Otherwise try these numbers

Cyber-helpery

Geek Speak

If you're connected to cyber-space or whatever the hell it's called then get your virtual asses do to these cool sites.

<http://www.game-revolution.com/content.htm>
<http://www.ugo.net/OAS/ugo/try-it.cgi>
<http://www.segasages.com>
<http://www.widearea.co.uk/playstation.coolsites.html>
<http://www.geocities.com/siliconvalley/vista/1289/tips.html>
<http://www.a-p-i.net/absolute-playstation/tips/acheats.htm>



■ Cheating is logical

Platinum forthcoming

Party like it cost £19.99

This month sees the release of two totally awesome Platinum games: Colin McRae Rally and Cool Boarder 2. Turn to page 78 & 80 for reviews of them. But if it's cheats you want for them then you've come to the right place...

COLIN MCRAE

PASSWORD CHEATS
TO GET THESE TOP-NOTCH CHEATS
WORKING GO TO THE PASSWORD SCREEN
AND ENTER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

TROLLEY FOUR-WHEEL STEERING
FORKLIFT REAR-WHEEL STEERING
HELIUMNICK NICKY GRIST ON HELIUM
MOREOOMPH TURBO MODE

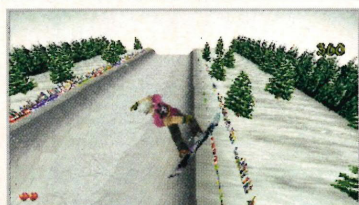
BACKSEAT NICKY GRIST DRIVING
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1 You're on the final straight of a hard fought Ridge Racer two-player. Your mate flukes an incredible slide on the last corner and takes gold. Do you:

a) Shake his hand warmly and say 'Well done, mate. The better man won' ☐

b) Get him a drink. Then gob in it ☐

c) Decide now's the best time to tell him you slept with his sister ☐

2 Which of these sums up how far you'd go to get the edge over your mate at a gaming sesh?

a) You practise very very hard and play the one-player game to death ☐

b) You get the comfy chair. He gets the flea-riddled carpet ☐

c) You dose his lager with Valium/Ex-Lax/cyanide ☐

3 Your girlfriend beats you at a game. Do you say:

a) 'Sweetheart, you're good. Really, really good!' ☐

b) 'I wasn't playing like I normally would against a bloke' ☐

c) 'We're finished, you cheating cow. And I faked every orgasm!' ☐

4 You go down 12-0 to Iran in World Cup 98. Your excuse is:

a) 'You're so much better at games than me' ☐

b) 'I can't remember what the shoot button is' ☐

c) 'I hope it makes you feel good to beat someone with only two weeks to live' ☐

5 You pull off a Fatality in Mortal Kombat and your opponent's guts spill onto the floor. Do you:

a) Say 'boy, that was a close fought match' ☐

b) Dance around singing 'We are the Champions' and refuse a rematch ☐

c) Leap on him and brand the word 'bitch' into his forehead with a soldering iron ☐

6 Your skills at FIFA 99 are directly linked to:

a) How long you've practised the game ☐

b) How good you would be at real football ☐

c) Your godlike powers as a babe magnet ☐

7 You play a quick game of Gran Turismo with your four-year-old nephew. Do you:

a) Let him cane you, then grin at his cute expressions of triumph ☐

b) Let the little snot rag thrash you. Then say 'I thought I'd let you win' ☐

c) Smack him round the head to distract him as you roar towards the finish line ☐

Who are you then? Total up your points

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filthy trick in the book to clock up a win. He bawls like a pimp when he wins. The question is: are you him?

8 *Your mate is a complete novice but beats you at your favourite game. Your anger lasts for:*

- a) One loud swearword ☐
- b) An whole week of not answering the phone ☐
- c) About the length of time it takes to whip him bloody with your joypad cable ☐

9 *Which of these tactics have you used to put yourself ahead (one point for each):*

- Pulled your mate's joypad out of the socket ☐
- Pressed the pause button while your mate is pulling off a special move ☐
- Turned off the machine just as he's set to win ☐
- Yodelling during play ☐

10 *You're preparing for a four-hour Bust-a-Move challenge round your place. Do you set your mate up with:*

- a) A comfy chair and refreshments to hand ☐
- b) A stool with a broken leg and the sun in his eyes ☐
- c) A lightgun instead of a joypad and a guffing cat in his lap ☐

11 *You've just lost a best of three in Ridge Racer Type 4. Would you:*

- a) Suggest another best of three ☐

b) Claim that when you said best of three, you really meant 'first to three' ☐

c) Cheer. Your mate asks why. You say 'I won on a technicality' ☐

12 *You're about to play Soul Blade. As your mate makes his choice of character, you say:*

a) 'That's a good choice' ☐

b) 'A bit of a beginner's character, to be honest. But I guess I'll still play' ☐

c) 'That cheesy bastard?' You then reset the machine ☐

13 *At your place, the difference between the joypad you use and the one you give your mate is:*

a) Nothing, of course. He gets to choose ☐

b) Yours is a Dual Shock. His is a made-in-Taiwan copy with only one stick ☐

c) Yours is a Dual Shock. His is an N64 controller with live protruding wires ☐

14 *You're down the pub. Your mate says you're crap at Tekken. You reply:*

a) 'I am a bit crap, I s'pose' ☐

b) 'I'm miles better than you, y'nonce' ☐

c) 'I hope you've got life and house insurance - you're going to need it tonight' ☐

15 *Which of these excuses have you used (one point for each):*

'My hands are too greasy' ☐

'My joypad's gone all wonky' ☐

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'I wanted to lose' ☐

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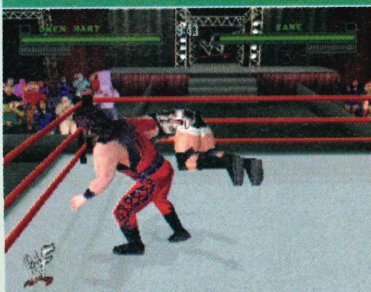
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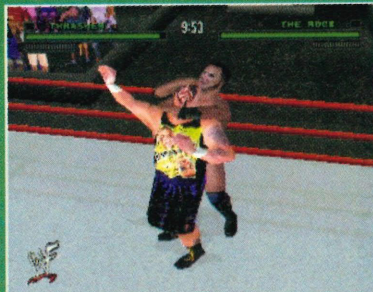
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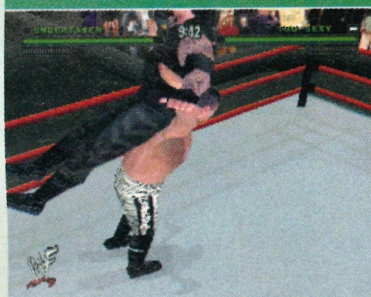
Those of you expecting Tekken 3-style brawler with lightning special moves and flurries of fisticuffs so fast you expect whiplash injuries will be disappointed. This is wrestling, so it's all about hold moves and grappling. That means the action's a bit slower and bouts can go on for a looong time.



■ Grab your enemy and chuck him to the deck



■ Strangle blokes to weaken them



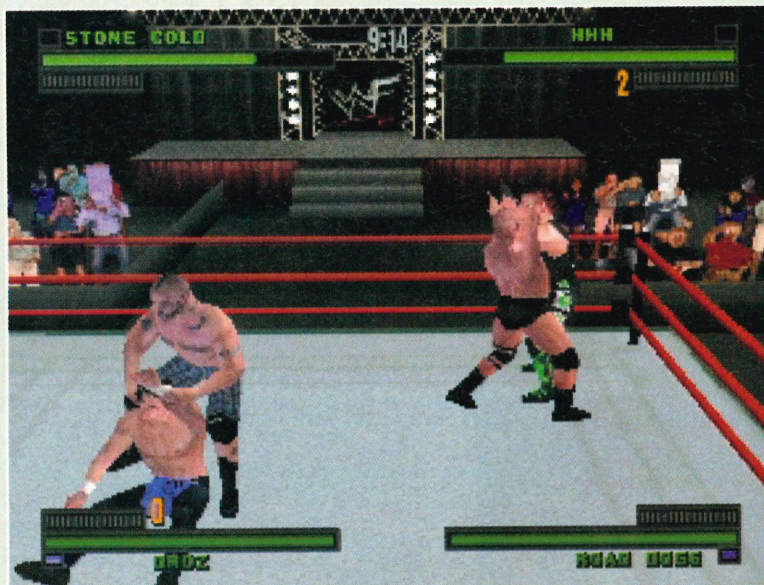
■ Big throws knock people dead quickly



■ Each character has their signature move

Bash, thrash, splash the cash

Like most wrestling games, this suffers from a lack of responsiveness. There's a noticeable gap between the moment you hit the button to tell your wrestler to switch from 'strangle' to 'thump in the face' and the moment he actually does it. Be warned.



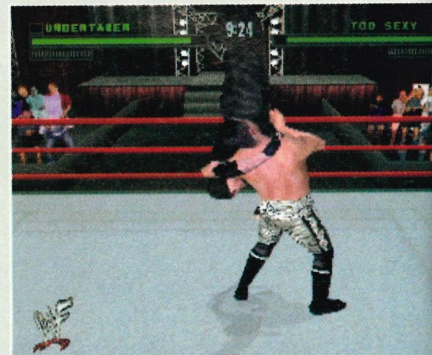
■ You have to be in tune with the speed of the game to get the best out of your wrestlers

800 stone of jiggling flesh

If you're a fan, you WILL go tonto for the sheer number of wrestlers here. People who don't know their Stone Colds from their Undertakers will be less impressed, since all of the 40+ geezers on offer look similar - wobbling 20-stone slabs of flesh. Each boasts a handful of signature moves, but they all wrestle with the same basic moves.



■ All the blokes off the telly are in here



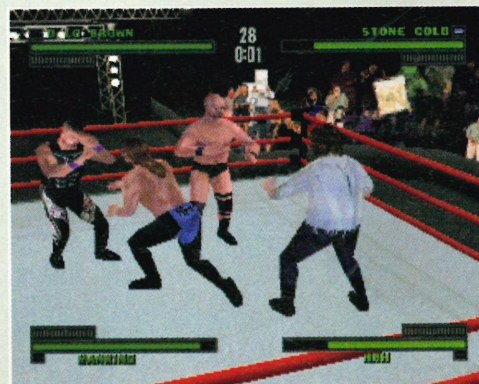
■ They're all armed with their best moves



■ 'Bad' wrestlers even use more evil moves! How cool is that?

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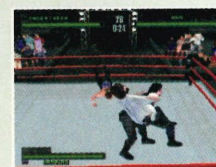
This is the follow-up to last year's wrestling smash WWF Warzone. Like Warzone, it's a touch clunky and slow-moving, but a reet larf none the less. But in Warzone, you couldn't do some of the stuff that happens on t'telly. The Wrestlemania option and the Pay Per View create-your-own-contest mode here sort that little niggle out very nicely indeed.



■ Set up huge face-offs between all the different wrestlers



■ Choose fighters. Fight!



■ 2-on-1 rucks. Brilliant

Adjust, adjust!

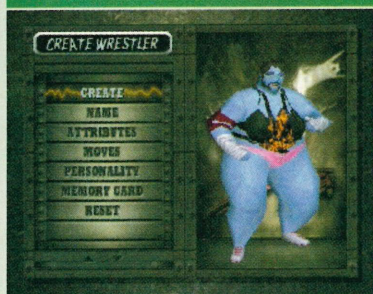
What's cool here is how you can adjust everything. You can set up winning conditions; Iron Man, finishing moves only, or I Quit, set the type of match you want to play, and choose which number of blokes are going to muck in. Basically, if it features in the wrestling on satellite, it's in there.



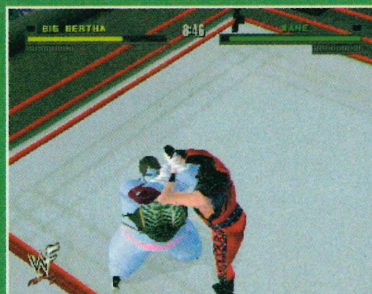
■ You can tweak the victory conditions and make the fights last as long as you want

'I've created a monster!'

One of the coolest things about WWF Warzone was the Create Your Own Wrestler mode. By fiddling around with hair options, skin colour, and other stuff you could create any kind of wrestler. We made a green Sumo wrestler in a ginger fright wig. The Create mode's even better now. Here's what we did this time.



■ Fiddle with options, till he/she's just right



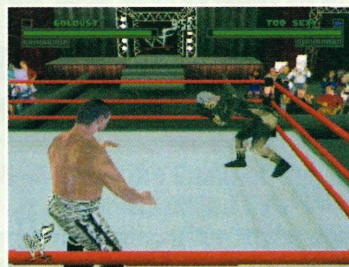
■ Then send them out to fight for you. Cool!



■ Victory is inevitable for the droopy-breasted 40-stone blue monster. Kane is doomed

Signature moves

Each character has about four signature moves he can pull off. But it's not just a question of hitting a knuckle-knotting combination of buttons to make them do it: you've got to beat your opponent until their power bar turns different colours before you can choose between Signature, Finishing and just plain punishing moves.



■ Wear them down with normal moves



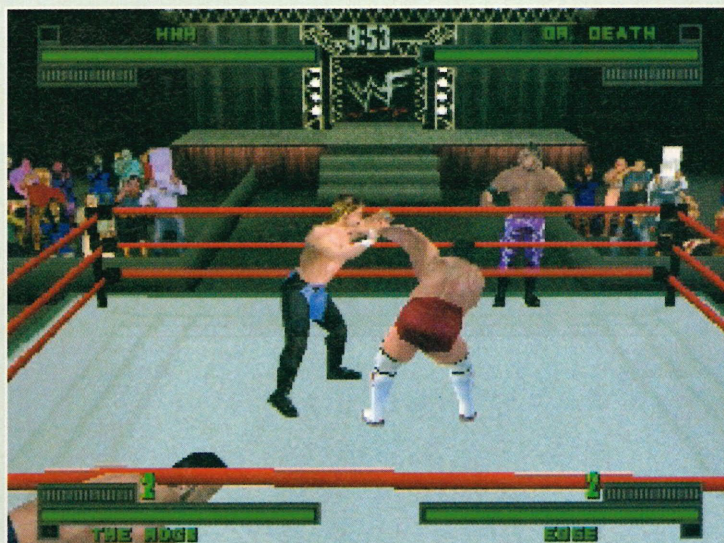
■ All the famous moves do loads of damage



■ Then you move in with your signature move to break them down quickly



■ Once you've worn the other bloke down, it's time to move in with a big finisher



■ In a four-player ruck, powerbars hit rock bottom quick so you can pull off your best moves

If you're a fan of Stone Cold and the gang, this will rock your world. It's plenty playable, fast and fun, and the Create-a-Wrestler option is a laugh and a half. Rob

PlayStation
plus
RATED 90%

■OUT NOW ■BY INFOGRAMES ■COSTS £39.99 ■PLAYERS 1
■COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD. MEMORY CARD. DUAL SHOCK PAD

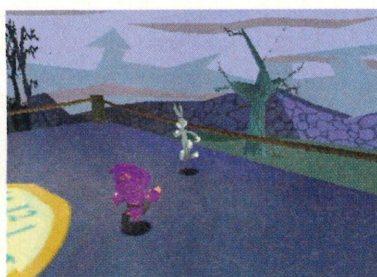
BUGS BUNNY: LOST IN TIME

Sadly, Doc, not much is up...

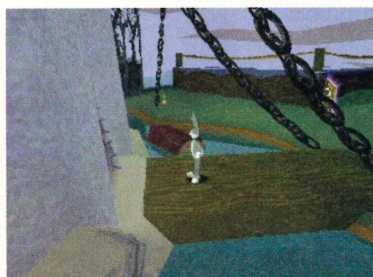
The wascawwy wabbit jumps, rolls and kicks his way through bright-coloured level after bright-coloured level in this time-travelling platformer. Plenty Yosemite Sam, plenty 'What's up, Doc?' Sadly, it's wather wubbish.

My platform Hell

By this stage in your Life o' Games, you probably know what to expect. Much jumping over holes, loads of exploring big 3D environments and stacks of different-coloured tokens to collect. It's good-looking and there's a whiff of knockabout fun in the air. It's just that it's a bit slow and rough around the edges. And chances are you've seen it all before.



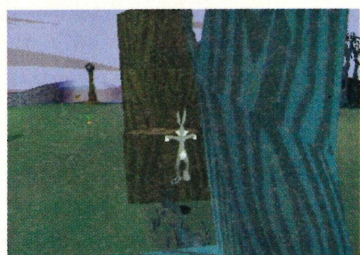
■ **It's not particularly original**



■ There's better looking games out there

Stuff to do

Bouncing on trampolines, burrowing in holes, chucking rocks, building little towers. There's plenty in here to distract you from the run-of-the-mill jumping and baddie-avoiding. But don't go expecting a feast of gameplay that'll tickle the bits of your brain other platforms don't reach. It's just another bogstandard platformer.



■ Bugs can do plenty of stuff



■ Still nothing much new going on

A few platforms short of being a mighty meaty feast of hole-hurdling fun. The camera angles are naff, the controls are clunky and it's a tad samey: stick with Crash. Rob

PlayStation

RATED 60%

■ **OUT** JULY ■ **BY** EIDOS ■ **COSTS** £39.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

FA MANAGER

It's the official footy management game, but offers sweet FA over the rest. Oops.

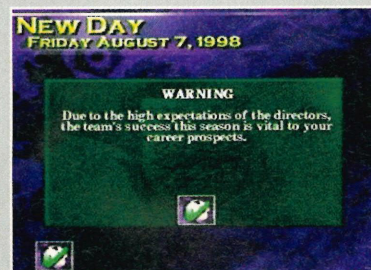
Some people aren't content with shouting themselves hoarse on the terraces, or with the rigours of Sunday league footy. Some go that bit further and try and prove they're the Alex Ferguson of the 'Station.

Fully endorsed

FA Manager is the only management game with the full backing of the FA. This means all the players' wages, contracts and bonuses are spot on, as are the individual players' ratings. But as for Roy Keane being the best player in England? Yeah, right. Still, you can't argue with Man Utd topping the league after their gob-smacking treble performance.

TOP PLAYERS			
PREMIER LEAGUE			
Name	Pos	Team	Skill
Roy Keane	MID	Man Utd.	94%
Gary Neville	DEF	Man Utd.	93%
Jaap Stam	DEF	Man Utd.	93%
Michael Owen	FOR	Liverpool	93%
Alan Shearer	FOR	Newcastle	93%
Dennis Bergkamp	FOR	Arsenal	92%
Mare Overmars	MID	Arsenal	92%
David Beckham	MID	Man Utd.	92%

■ Roy Keane. 94% skill? Sheesh...



■ You're left in no doubt what's expected of you

PLAYER CONTRACT

Length : 3 Years		Profit From Sale: 12 %	
Salary : £21,000 Per Week		Contract End : 08/08/01	
	Signing On Fee	Loyalty Bonus	Total Bonus
Year 1	0	£190,000	£190,000
Year 2	0	£190,000	£190,000
Year 3	0	£190,000	£190,000
Total	0	£570,000	£570,000

Confirm or complete operation



■ **Keep on top of the paperwork at all times. Letting players leave via the Bosman ruling is suicide**

Match days

Unlike other management games there isn't an option to watch the entire game. This isn't a problem, though, because you do most of your tactics stuff before the actual game kicks off. What you get is edited highlights, accompanied by the commentary of Brian Moore. If you see the game going belly-up, you can change tactics midway. Useful.

[illegible]

■ View the matches using this screen

[illegible]

■ You can change your tactics mid-game

What we don't like

Yesterday's teams

FA Manager is released just before the start of the next season so you'd expect all the recently promoted and relegated teams in their correct leagues. Well you're wrong. And y'know what, we think this is slack.

■ Why are Blackburn, Bolton and Nottingham Forest still in the Premiership?

TODAY'S RESULTS MONDAY AUGUST 17, 1998

Home Team	League Cup	Away Team
Wrexham	1 - 3	Rotherham United
York City	0 - 2	Millwall

Premier League
Arsenal 1 - 2 Nottingham Forest

Football Conference
Stevenage Borough 1 - 2 Hayes

Confirm or complete operation



Easy access

Management games look rubbish. It's as simple as that. This one's no different, but what is important is the speed and ease with which you can access all the stuff you need. You won't be disappointed with FA Manager because the menu systems are simple enough, but it's no real improvement on games like Premier Manager 99.

PREMIER LEAGUE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
2	Man Utd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Liverpool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Chelsea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Leeds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Blackburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Villa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	West Ham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Derby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Leicester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

League And Cup

■ FA Manager is crammed with menus like this

PLAYER INFO LIVERPOOL

BJORN TORE KVARME - 17

DEF
SPD
STM
SHT
ACC
PAS
TAK
MOR
FIT

DEFENCE
Side: Right-Sided
Age: 26
Not On Loan
Appearances: 0
Disciplinary Points: 0/21
Suspension: N/A
Value: £4,400,000
Injury Status: Fit
Expected Recovery: N/A
Contract End: 25/08/00

League Goals: 0

Other Goals: 0

TEAM



■ You're given the lowdown on the skills of each player, plus their fitness and performance rating

TRANSFER LIST

Name	Team	Price
M Eyal Berkovic	West Ham	£4.6M
F Danny Cadamarteri	Everton	£3.2M
D Robert Molenaar	Leeds	£2.7M
M Stephen Hughes	Arsenal	£2.7M
D Paul Raven	W. B. A.	£1M
D Ken Monkton	Southampton	£250K
M Guy Whittingham	Sheff. Weds.	£10K
F Michael Holt	Preston	£10K

Confirm or complete operation

■ Having a decent sized squad is essential

COACHING LIVERPOOL

To: Coach Recommendation
Rich, Paul Brady, your Youth Squad coach recommends an up and coming new player, Barry Jones to join your first team.
Age: 18 Position: Midfield Value: £150,000
Do you accept?
Yes

Confirm or complete operation

■ The youth coach will suggest new signings

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Plan to win

Planning your matchday team and tactics is made a whole lot easier by the tactgrid, a gizmo which gives you a general overview of your team. With it you can see where each player is positioned on the field, as well as gauging who's fit enough to last 90 minutes and who'll need substituting.

■ Learning to use this is vital to your success, as it allows you to experiment with formations

Dead easy to use and crammed with masses of information. It's let down by having various teams in the wrong leagues, but overall it's not all that bad. Rich

PlayStation
RATED 76%

■ OUT NOW ■ BY CRYO ■ COSTS £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

VIRUS

New Jamie Lee Curtis sci-fi flick gets the crap game treatment.

This is the Game of the Film of sci-fi flick Virus. It's all about an entity called EVIL which thinks humans are a virus. Yawn. As a film, it's nothing special. As a game, it is truly appalling. You've been warned.

What up?

This is a 3D adventure of the most simple sort, where you just run around caning sci-fi beasts with your two little guns, pressing switches and finding the exit as fast as you can. You can see from these screens that the scenery doesn't look bad, but believe us, everything else is so awful that you'll cry real tears.



■ The animation's stupidly bad



■ The combat's mind-bogglingly dull, random and stupid. You will hate this

Simple Simon says

The gameplay here is real bottom-of-the-barrel stuff. It's walk, shoot, press switch in it's lowest and clunkiest form. You'll die hundreds of times as you walk round a corner straight into some lethal and stupidly random trap. You'll get caned by millions of identical boring monsters who jump out at you constantly. You'll cry. You'll puke. You'll wish you were dead.



■ Too many random instant death traps



■ And too many similar monsters

If someone buys you this, they hate you. This is dull, uninspired, rough round the edges and annoying to play. We don't need games like this in our world. Rob

PlayStation
RATED 30%

■ OUT AUGUST ■ BY THQ ■ COSTS £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-2 ■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

CASTROL HONDA SUPERBIKE RACING

This clumsy, crash-filled racer is more pizza delivery than piece of the action

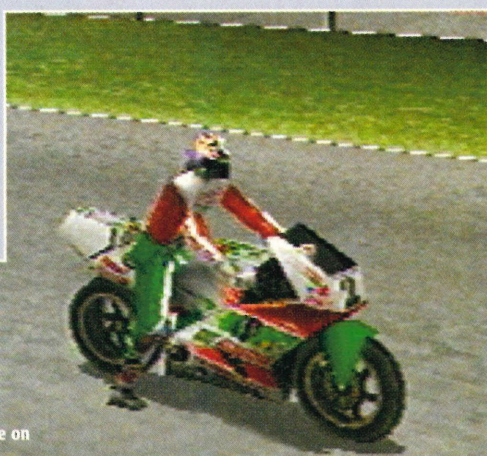
Motorbikes are swift and sexy on the street. On PlayStation, the least you'd expect is Wipeout-style speed. So we're wondering what happened here, 'cos this is about the slowest racing game ever to hit the 'Station. Ready, pedal, go!

We demand choice!

Like Gran Turismo, you'd expect a showroom full of track missiles to choose from. Get this: the only bike you can have is the 750cc Castrol bike. You can't even change its colour. Instead, you can change the bike's gear ratios or tyre compounds. And if you're feeling frisky, you can choose between manual or automatic gearbox. Er...that's it.



■ Feel free to change the gear ratio, and that's about all



■ This is the only bike you can race on

Race around the USA. Not

For your £39.99 you get 15 tracks. We'd expect them to be tracks on the superbike circuit. Well, is there a track called USA on the superbike circuit? Silly us, we thought the USA was a country. The only recognisable track is Honda's own test track. And that stinks.



■ Our man in the know has never heard of 90% of the tracks here, and he's a bike nut



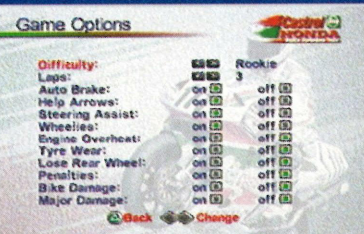
■ Most of the tracks are stupidly dull



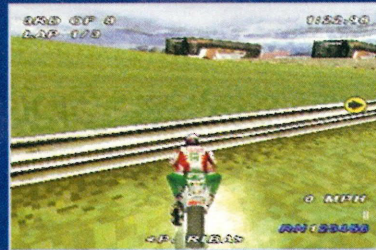
■ This is Allerton. We thought that was a town in Yorkshire

The learning-leaning curve

There's six difficulty levels, starting at rookie and finishing with ace. When you start playing on rookie mode you get things like auto braking, direction arrows and steering assist. You don't have to worry about engine overheating, tyre wear or crash damage. As you progress, the helpful functions get turned off and things get tricky. This is the one aspect of the game that works well.



■ There's plenty of help on offer for the novice



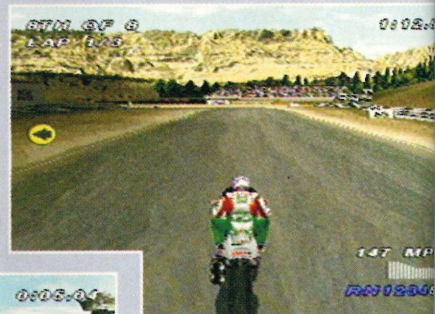
■ Later, you'll be crunching the crash barrier



■ On the easy level, it's really pretty difficult to crash your bike. On ace level, it's all too easy

I need speed!

Once you get onto the track you'll soon realise something's up. The bikes should have a top-end of around 170 mph. So why do they appear to move with the speed of a pizza delivery moped? Where's the brain-shredding sense of speed? Even on the scariest hairpins, you've got plenty time to think what you're doing. And that just isn't right.



■ The speedo says 147mph, so why does it feel so slow?

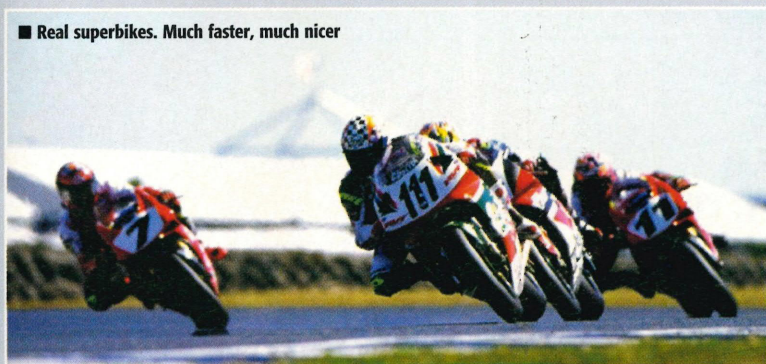


■ Pulling a wheelie at 80mph should be scary. It sure isn't here



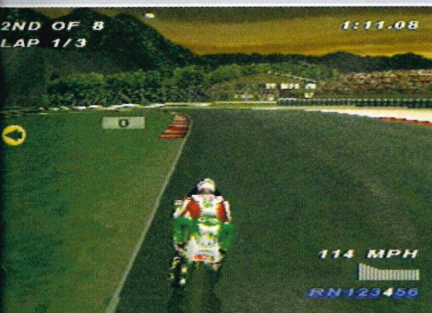
■ Even the replays are slow

■ Real superbikes. Much faster, much nicer



A no-no in slow-mo

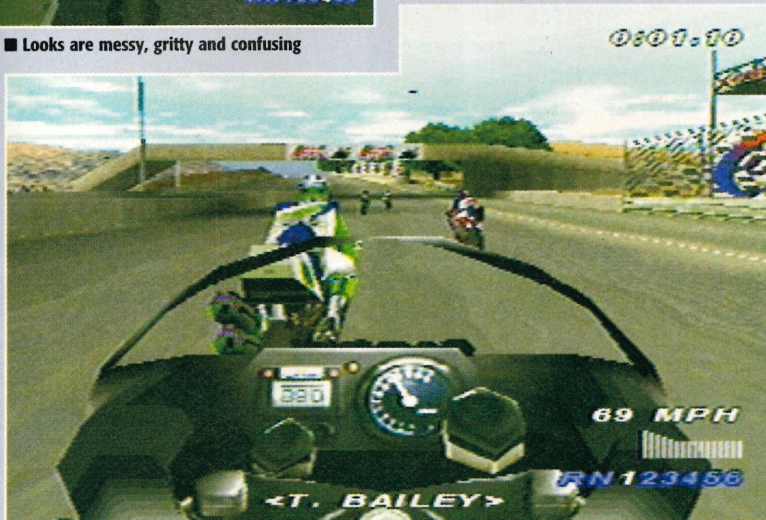
The graphics are as grainy as gravel-flavoured Alpen. The visual effects are a million miles away from the lush looks of Gran Turismo or Ridge Racer Type 4. The game just looks old. The bikers seem to shake constantly and the animation's dodgy as hell. Other than that...



■ Looks are messy, gritty and confusing



■ Even replays kill the thrill stone dead



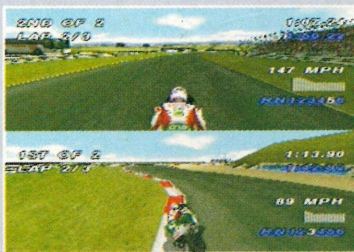
■ Controlling your bike is more difficult in the first-person mode where you'd least expect trouble

Two players, same sputtering pace

There's a two player mode, with the screen split horizontally or vertically. As fun goes it does enough to maintain a heartbeat, but that's about all. It's still slow, and it's well ugly.



■ There's only two bikes on the track. Doh!



■ Everything looks kind of two-dimensional

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Seriously below standard. It's slower than a convention of village idiots, and uglier than roadkill. There's hardly any bikes and the tracks stink. Steer clear. Rich

PlayStation
RATED 30%

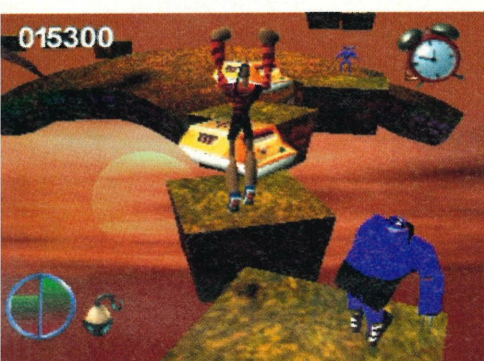
DREAMS

It's the game of your dreams. If you have very, very bad dreams

Anyone fancy waltzing through loads of infuriating psychedelic platform levels filled with gratuitous oddness, massive numbers of holes and an incredibly loud alarm clock that goes off *all the time*? No? Very sensible of you.

So what's this then?

Well, it's a platform game about dreams. You jump around on blocks over huge holes, completing surreal missions given to you by little blue men with pointy heads. The characters are weird. The visuals are weird. Even the soundtrack is weird. But this is still pretty much a standard platform game. A platform game about jumping and flying over big holes in the ground. And a bad one to boot.



■ The missions you get given are stupid and obscure. Within seconds your blood will boil



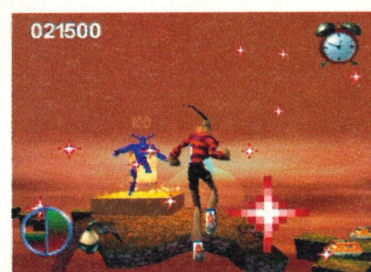
■ Flick between characters so you get new special powers to complete the levels



■ When the alarm clock rings, you can switch characters. Here's the crappiest and ugliest of the three

So what's wrong?

The control system is weird and unusable, and it feels like your character is moving through syrup. And the weirdness gets really irritating after about four seconds. If these levels are meant to be dreams, they're the dreams of wacky rag-week students and twatty hippies who think they're being really 'far out, maaaaan'.



■ You have to fly to high platforms to get off this level. This swiftly becomes highly annoying



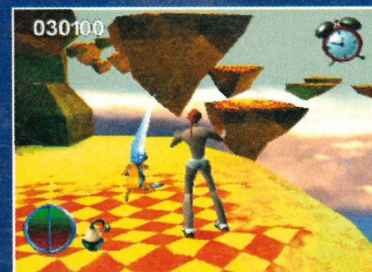
■ It's odd how your dreams always seem to involve blocks floating in space

Millions o' colours

Thing is, it's not even that bad-looking. Some of the levels look quite sharp, and there sure is plenty o' colour to catch your eye. It's just that the 'collect tokens, hit lots of monsters' gameplay is dull as dishwater. And the transformations and special powers your main bloke has don't liven things up any. Bo-ring!



■ The big blue character: big and strong



■ The girl in pants: flies slightly better



■ Monster: not bad-looking. Quite boring



■ Little blue bloke: savagely kill him!

Missions

You're trying to get between different dreams to get ahead, and what that boils down to is the familiar level-by-level platform game. In each level, you'll get given crappy little missions to do, but they're usually 'Kick 100 alarm clocks' or 'Find the golden sandwich' or some other stupid platform crap. It won't even keep you awake, trust us.



■ Collect tokens. Find exits. Kick small irritating things around the shop. You'll be bored soon

Really irritating and basic platform gameplay with ugly-as-sin characters and a side order of hippy nonsense. And the alarm clock will drive you nuts. Rob

PlayStation
RATED 44%



Should have planned your week's entertainment with Heat magazine.

When it comes to keeping up with the latest TV, video, film and CD releases you may be spoilt for choice, but you're rarely spoilt for time. Which is why Heat reviews the week's most important entertainment and tells you what to watch out for, where and when. Has to be £1.25 well spent.

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■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

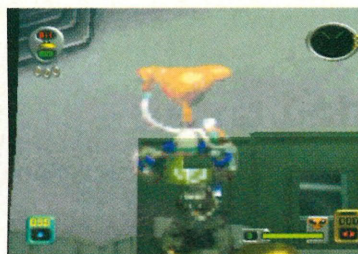
ATTACK OF THE SAUCERMEN

They come in peace so let's shoot to kill

A flying saucer crashes into Earth. The 'saucermen' are held captive. They've got to repair their ship and escape. From then on it's a non-stop diet of crappy platform gameplay and awful graphics until you turn off. Which won't be long.

Low quality warning

This effort looks like it was knocked up by a GCSE computer student during a spare weekend. The graphics are truly terrible, the gameplay's repetitive to the point of stupidity, there's hardly any baddies and the platforms bits are tired, boring and crap. Ouch.



■ The graphics are sloppy beyond belief



■ There's hardly any baddies. Oops



■ Finding spaceship parts is very boring

The snooze factor

As Ed Heis, the hero, you get to rampage through 28 levels, solving drab puzzles and fighting crap baddies. There's Victorian levels, prehistoric levels and sci fi levels. All this matters not a jot, 'cos you won't be able to stay awake to see them.



■ The baddies just stand around waiting to be killed. Even your character falls asleep

This game is of terrible quality. It's hideous to look at and painful to play. If it was a dog, we'd take it out the back and shoot it. Several times, just to make sure. Rich

PlayStation
RATED 27%

■ OUT AUGUST ■ BY VIRGIN INTERACTIVE ■ COSTS £29.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-2
■ COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

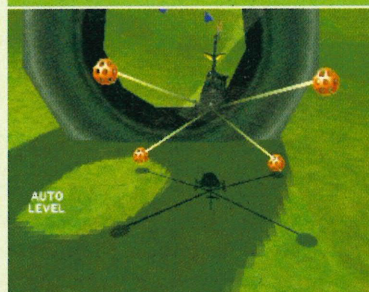
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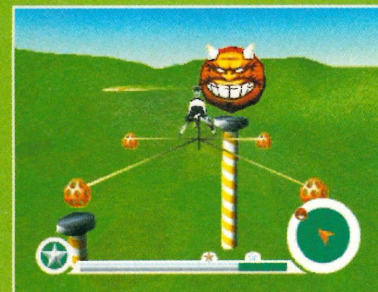
Piloting a radio controlled helicopter isn't everybody's idea of a great time. And if you do dig it, you probably get your kicks from doing the real thing. So who's going to get into this hyper-complicated 'copter sim? Good question.

The big idea

You steer a remote control helicopter. You perform all kind of crazy stunts, like flying through hoops, bursting balloons and shooting targets. And that's about as complicated as it gets. Until you get to the bit about controlling it...



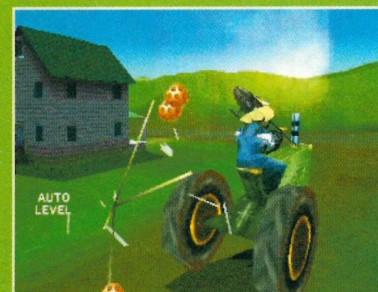
■ You've got to fly through tyres on this level



■ Even hitting a balloon is hideously difficult



■ Target practice is brain-meltingly hard



■ You will crash again, again and again

Getting down to it

When we say this game is difficult to control, we ain't kidding. You're expected to control four things at the same time. There's one control for going up and down, one to point the 'copter, one to make it tilt backwards and forwards and one to make it

bank. To say managing this lot is a headache is a giant understatement.



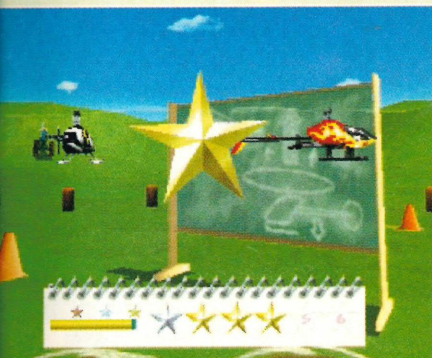
■ Even keeping the 'copter steady can be hard, thanks to the eight different direction buttons



■ In this game you've got to hover your 'copter. It's a lot more difficult than you'd think

Training

The bloke who tells you what to do has the most annoying voice in the known universe. But if you turn him off, you don't know what to do. The training's more enjoyable than the challenges in the real game, though, because the end is in sight. In the main game, the challenges just go on getting more annoying. You'll hate it.



■ You get awarded gold stars for doing well



■ Fly over the right squares to make a picture



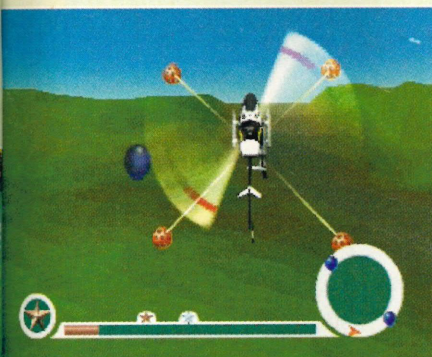
■ Hitting the target is rather tricky

Our final word

The thing about Stunt Copter is that it's way too complex to be fun to play as a 'normal' game, but at the same time, it's no use if you're seriously trying to learn how to pilot a remote control chopper. So what is it for? We can't figure it out.

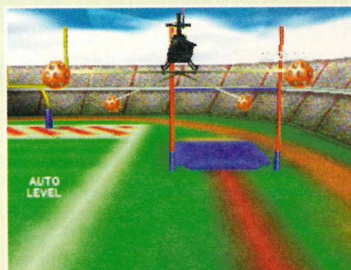


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■ The gameplay is dull and annoying

■ If you want to learn how to control a R/C chopper, this game won't help you at all



■ And is anyone really that excited about remote control helicopters anyhow?

Very off-the-wall. Unfortunately, the gameplay's let down by an incredibly complicated control system, lack of variety and mediocre looks. And it's not even that much fun. Rich

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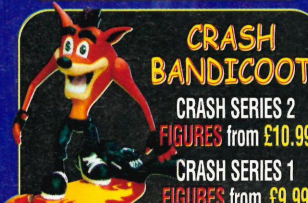
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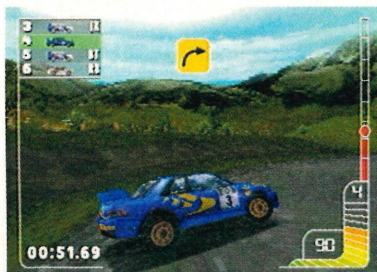
COLIN MCRAE RALLY

The finest gravel chokin', gear-grinding, four-wheel freak-out that £20 can buy.

If hurtling through tight 'n' twisty forest tracks at insane speeds in a souped-up production car is your idea of fun, Colin McRae Rally is the game for you. It's faster than a greased cougar, it's easy on the eye and a bargain at 20 notes.

Gameplay

There are three different modes of play in Colin McRae: rally mode is a one-off event in the country of your choice – great if you've only got ten minutes to spare. Championship is the more time consuming game, comprising a staggering 52 stages across the globe. While time trial mode is a straightforward race against the clock – perfect for honing your driving skills and racking up the fastest laps.



■ Rally mode is good for a ten minute blast



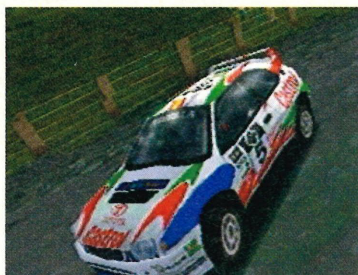
■ Championship will eat into your social life

Graphics

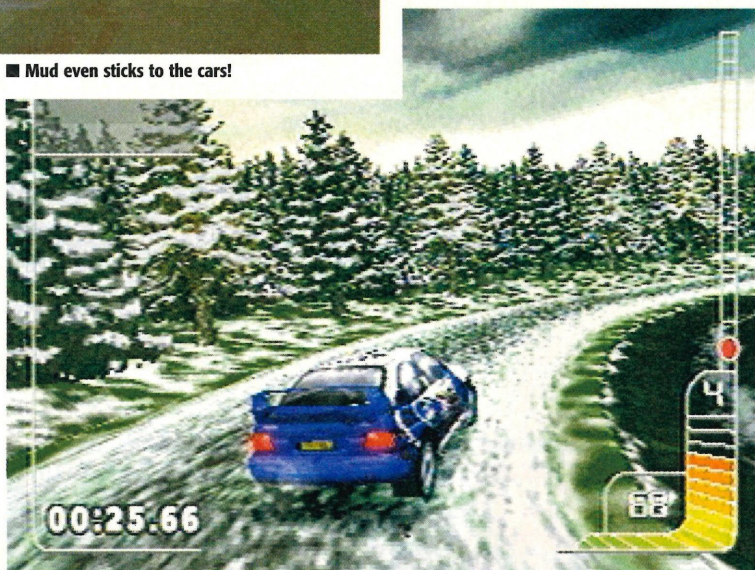
Colin McRae Rally may be a year old, but it still ranks as one of the sweetest looking racers on the 'Station to date. The cars look and move with total realism, trackside scenery is incredibly detailed and the special effects (working headlamps, mud trails and realistic weather) are the business. Check out the cool replays to see it in all its glory.



■ Mud even sticks to the cars!



■ Check out the light reflections



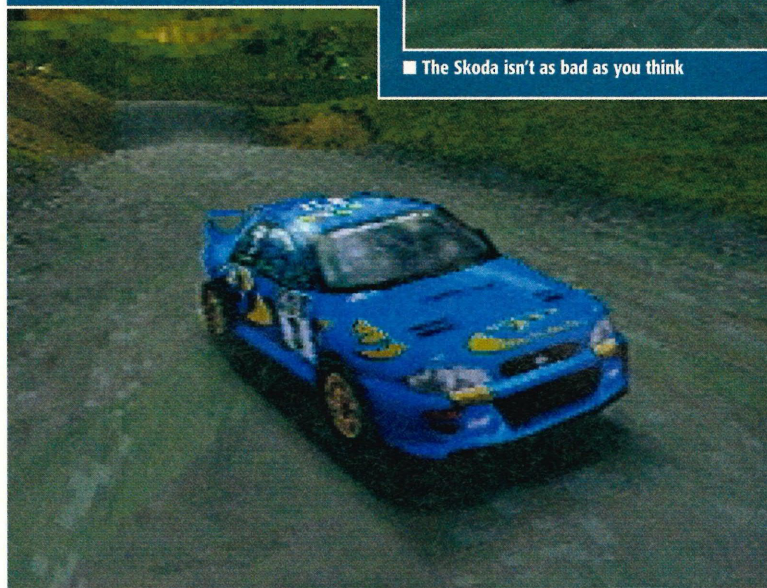
■ So true to life that you can almost smell the pine needles

Cars

There are only four motors to choose from at the start: the Subaru Impreza, Mitsubishi Lancer, Ford Escort and Toyota Corolla. But when you get a few rallies under your belt a stack of secret cars becomes available – from the standard rally issue Renault Megane to the classic Audi Quattro.



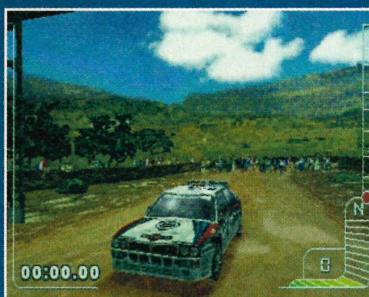
■ The Skoda isn't as bad as you think



■ But you're really best off starting with the Subaru Impreza



■ Win a few rallies and you get to drive the super-fast Audi Quattro



■ The Lancia Delta is good for getting to grips with the tight and twisty tracks

Rally School

Unless your name's Colin McRae or Tommi Makinen it's a good idea to pay a visit to the rally school. Here you learn the basic driving techniques needed to get you through the game – from powersliding to handbrake turns. Essential training for novices.



■ Start off by selecting your skill level then sit back and see how it's done



■ Learn how to pull off tricky handbrake turns and powerslide to your hearts content

Damage

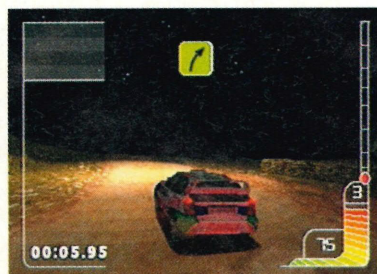
Just about every part of your car – from the chassis to the brakes – takes a battering during the course of a rally. Luckily you're given a limited amount of time to rebuild your motor at the end of each event. Focus on the engine and handling if you're to stand any chance of winning.



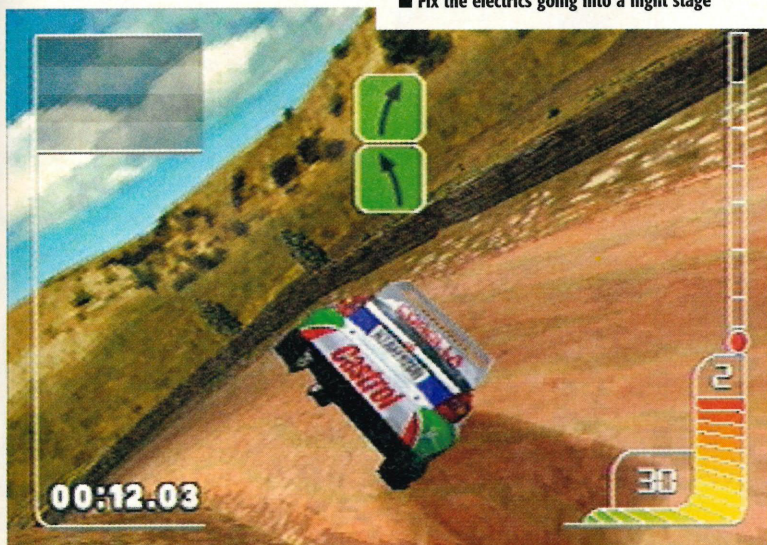
■ Smashed windscreen means limited vision



■ Crashes like this don't help your chances



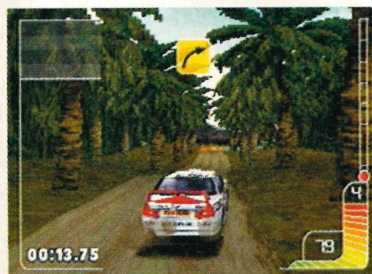
■ Fix the electrics going into a night stage



■ If you damage your steering, you're much more likely to crash

Navigation

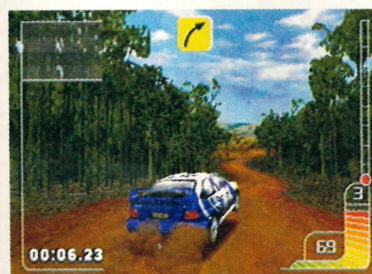
With a massive 52 stages in Colin McRae Rally it's impossible to remember the layout of each. That's why you've got a co-pilot. He shouts out useful bits of information – like how sharp the corners are and the road surface is like – to warn you in advance. Direction arrows also appear on the screen in front of you, so there's no excuse for crashing.



■ Follow your co-pilot's instructions carefully



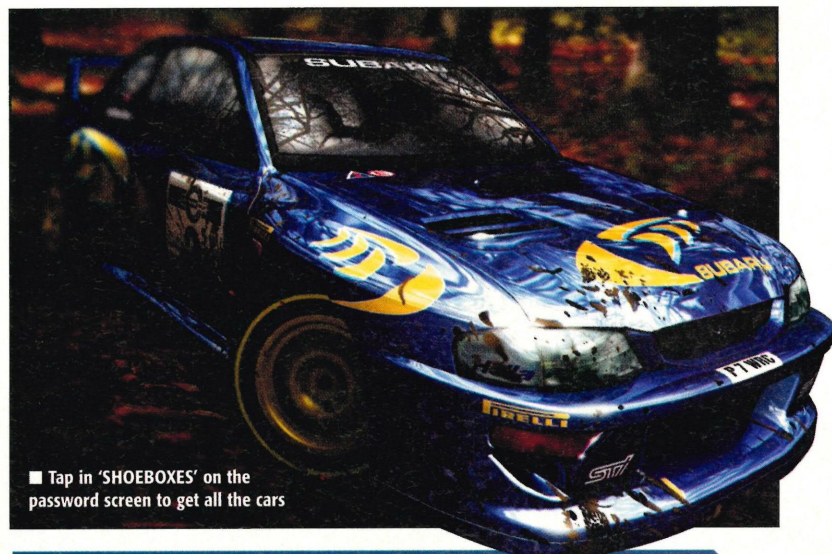
■ This sign means there's a tight hairpin bend



■ Bumps in the road can send you spinning out



■ Snowy conditions are difficult to negotiate



■ Tap in 'SHOEBOXES' on the password screen to get all the cars

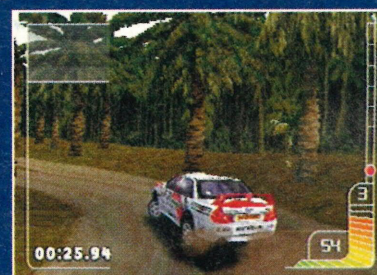
What we don't like

Riding solo

Colin McRae was an essential full-price purchase, particularly as it only costs 20 notes. Our only gripe is that, just like real life international rallying, there aren't any other cars on the track. It's just you against the clock. Bit of waste really.



■ Hey, where did all the other cars go?



■ It gets pretty lonely out there by yourself

Get your mates round

Two-player racing games aren't usually much cop but the one in Colin McRae ain't half bad. It retains all the speed of the main game and you can race on any of the tracks, choosing any of the cars you've unlocked. Definitely worth a look.



■ The special stages are smart in two-player mode

Platinum Colin McRae's an insanely fast, dirt spitting, automotive Alton Towers of a rally game and most likely the best £20 you'll spend this month.

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COOL BOARDERS 2

Chill with the coolest snowboarding game on the 'Station...

Don't bother with any other 'Station snowboarding game. If steep slope slidin' is your kinda thing, Cool Boarders 2 is the only game for you. It's well fast, you can play your mates and – best of all – it'll only set you back £20.

Gameplay

It's straightforward stuff: pilot your board down the side of a mountain ahead of the other competitors. Manage to see them off and you've got all sorts of obstacles to contend with, from narrow bottlenecks to rocks and alpine forests. Finish first and you're treated to faster boards and far more dangerous courses



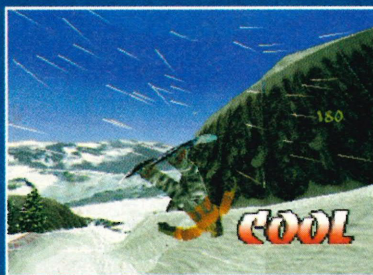
■ Beat the other boarders to get secret stuff



■ Hitting a tree will lose you valuable seconds



■ It gets crowded through the bottlenecks



■ Weave through the flags on the slalom

Graphics

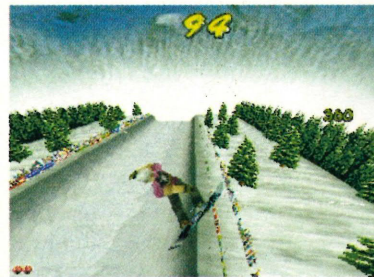
When it comes to the graphics, Cool Boarders 2 doesn't excel and is more than a little rough around the edges. The scenery looks like it's been made from cardboard, the boarders aren't very well animated and at times the scenery appears as if from nowhere. Thankfully the whole thing shifts at a decent rate of knots, so you barely have time to notice its failings.



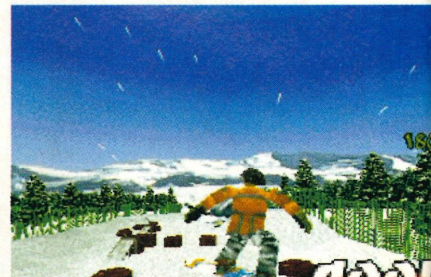
■ Graphics aren't gonna blow you away but at least the speed's there

Tricks 'n' stunts

There's more to Cool Borders 2 than bog-standard racing action. Tear yourself away from the steep slope slidin' and you'll discover a clutch of stunt courses and a handful of 'gnarly' tricks at your disposal. By pressing the jump button and frantically hammering the other keys you'll be pulling off tailgrabs, backflips, 1080s and various other aerial stunts in no time at all – which are all guaranteed to impress your mates.



■ Put your skills to test on the half-pipe course



■ Try pulling off a 360 for the big points



■ Tailgrabs are dead simple to pull off, but the more advanced tricks will take plenty of practise

Play a mate

Most of us would have to sell a kidney to afford a Swiss ski holiday. But for only 20 notes you and a mate can surf the silver slopes in Cool Boarders' frantic two-player game. Select your boarder dude then battle it out down any of the courses in a straightforward race or rack up mucho points in the challenging half-pipe stunt event.



■ The head-to-head race is good for a laugh



■ Show off your 'mad skills' on the stunt event

Platinum With wicked tricks, phat tunes and a smart multiplayer game, this is cooler than a polar winter. And for £20? Well you can't go wrong.

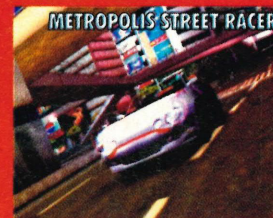
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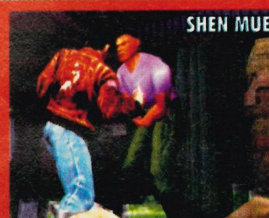
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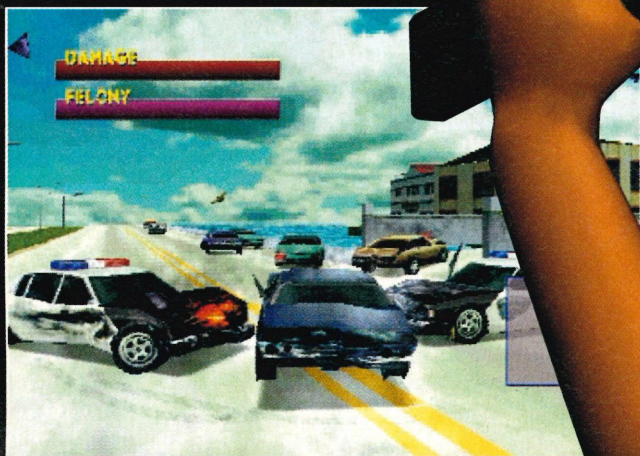
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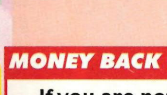
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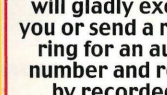
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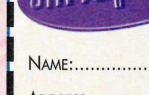
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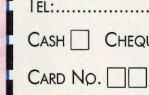
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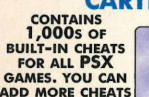
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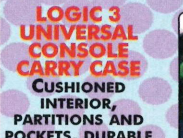
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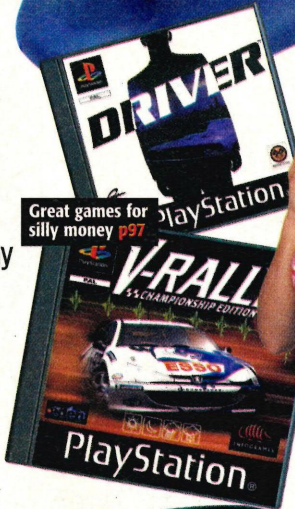
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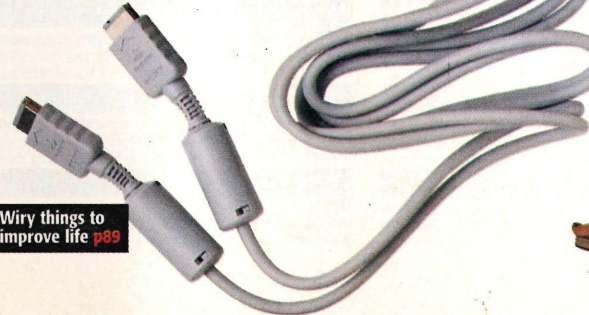


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89%

Price £39.99 Players 1-4
Excellent tennis game with a picture of the lovely Anna on the cover. Uses a multitap for plenty o' players action.

Ape Escape

91%

Price £39.99 Players 1
Only works with the Dual Shock pad, but if you've got one this super-cute platform game is well worth

Winner

Apocalypse

88%

Price £39.99 Players 1
Bruce Willis pumps it up in this blocky sci-fi blaster. It's a bit samey but still brilliant. Dual Shock.

Pukka shoot 'em ups

Forget aromatherapy or massage, if you want a bit of stress relief then lay your hands on the hottest shoot 'em ups the 'Station has to offer. If it's mindless blasting you're after, look no further.



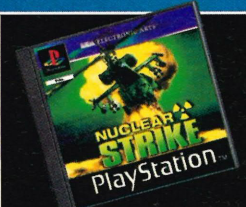
Apocalypse

Price: £39.99
Players: 1
Wanna be Bruce Willis? This non-stop bullet blaster is low on brain drain but overheats with shell clattering action.



R-Type Delta

Price: £39.99
Players: 1-2
Old skool space shooter overhauled and all the better for it. The gameplay grabs you by the balls and won't let go.



Nuclear Strike

Price: £44.99
Players: 1
Bag the bad guys in this helicopter fragfest and use your bounce to solve the puzzles. It's very tough. Are you?

Actua Soccer 2

73%

Price £44.99 Players 1-4
Better looking than the Platinum original but still not easy to play. Uses multitap and analogue pad.

Rent it

Actua Soccer 3

79%

Price £44.99 Players 1-4
Better, but still not as flowing or fun as ISS Pro 98. Compatible with multitap.

Actua Tennis

74%

Price £39.99 Players 1-2
Average to look at but not bad to knock around. Better with the Dual Shock but still no ace.

Armoured Core

74%

Price £34.99 Players 1-2
Robot blasting game which is a bit short in one-player but a good laugh against a mate.

Assault

84%

Price £39.99 Players 1-2
Full-on shoot 'em up where the killing just doesn't stop. Big weapons and even bigger bad guys, we like this.

AVI Evolution Global

73%

Price £44.99 Players 1
Looks like a yawnsome strategy thing but get into this baby and you'll have fun building empires. Mouse compatible.

B

Baby Universe

75%

Price £29.99 Players 1
This psychedelic lightshow more a mind-bending experience than a game. Great for late night chill seshes.

Ballblazer Champions

75%

Price £44.99 Players 1-2
Future sport sim where two hover cars must shoot the plasma ball at the opponent's holo-goal. Weird.

Batman & Robin

73%

Price £39.99 Players 1
A bit like Tomb Raider in Gotham City, this is an ambitious but sadly flawed take on the Batman theme.

Bedlam

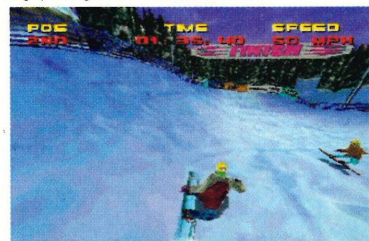
78%

Price £44.99 Players 1-2
Tactical robot blaster where you've really gotta use the mouse to get the most out of it.

Big Air

81%

Price £39.99 Players 1-2
Snowboarding game with lots detail but let down by lengthy loading times and a lack of adrenalin.



Biofreaks

85%

Price £39.99 Players 1-2
So it's no Tekken 3, but this thumper's got some wicked moves and some of the coolest effects we've seen, including flying fighters!

Black DAWN

81%

Price £44.99 Players 1
This sequel to Agile Warrior offers more of the same aircraft shooty stuff. Boasts nicer graphics though.

Blast Radius

83%

Price £44.99 Players 1-2
Space-based shoot 'em up that's best with Dual Shock. Ultimately lacks variety.

Blam! Machinehead

84%

Price £44.99 Players 1
Hard to get into but work out this tough 3D blaster and you'll be zapping bad guys for hours.

Blazing Dragons

72%

Price £44.99 Players 1
Graphic adventure with mucho laughs and comedy voiceovers. Too much like hard work though, we reckon.

Bloody Roar

90%

Price £39.99 Players 1-2
Looks lush, plays fast and kicks like a mule. Not the best fighter but not far off. Go on, tuck in...

Bloody Roar 2

91%

Price £39.99 Players 1-2
We still love the idea of animals scrapping. And this sequel is even better than the first. Bonus!

Winner

B-Movie

79%

Price £39.99 Players 1
Tongue-in-cheek blast 'em up where UFOs invade Earth to go cow rustling. Way, way out there...

Rent it

Bombberman World

83%

Price £34.99 Players 1-4
Stick in a multitap and this is bombastic blasting for four players. Not so hot as a one-player though.

Breath of Fire III

84%

Price £39.99 Players 1
Cutesy role-playing epic which'll keep you hooked for ages. Bit slow for some, though.

Brian Lara Cricket

88%

Price £44.99 Players 1-4
Despite its fiddly control system, this cricket sim'll knock you for six. Great with Dual Shock pad.

Broken Sword

91%

Price £39.99 Players 1
Superb puzzle-solving adventure. (N.B it also comes bundled with two other games on the Help! pack).

Winner

Broken Sword 2

91%

Price £34.99 Players 1
More of the same, but still smart. Guaranteed to frustrate the hell out of you.

Winner

Bubble Bobble Pack

84%

Price £44.99 Players 1-2
Looks pretty naff but this is well-endowed with gameplay. Serious platform fun for one or two players.

Buggy

78%

Price £39.99 Players 1-2
Race radio-controlled cars in this fun-for-a-while racer. Handles slightly better with the Dual Shock.

Bushido Blade

83%

Price £39.99 Players 1-2
Samurai swordfighting game that's too realistic for its own good. Worth a try though.

Rent it

Bust-a-Groove

88%

Price £39.99 Players 1-2
Dance battle game where the winner's the guy who can pull off the smartest breakdance moves. Weird but well good.

Bust-a-Move 3

85%

Price £34.99 Players 1-2
Bubble-bursting puzzle game that's dead easy to play but difficult to put down.

Bust-a-Move 4

80%

Price £34.99 Players 1-2
Way too similar to the others to make it worth splashing the cash for. Try its Platinum predecessor instead.

C

Cardinal Syn

71%

Price £34.99 Players 1-2
Average beat 'em up with swords, slick moves and some monster characters. Works with Dual Shock pad.

Castlevania

89%

Price £44.99 Players 1
Visually it's no supermodel, but it's a well-stacked platform adventure with a classy musical score.

Circuit Breakers

80%

Price £39.99 Players 1-4
Race anything from tiny cars to minute submarines around a load of different courses. Good with multitap and four players.

Civilisation 2

88%

Price £39.99 Players 1
Get to play God in a historical setting. A bit like Sim City if you know what we mean. Strange, but really good.

Colin McRae Rally

93%

Price £44.99 Players 1-2
Way cool off-road rally sim which looks blinding and plays like a babe. Get it, that's an order...

Winner

Colony Wars

90%

Price £44.99 Players 1
Space-based shooter with sweet graphics and pulse-pumping gameplay. A bit samey for some.

Colony Wars Vengeance

93%

Price £44.99 Players 1
Better sequel with planet-based battles as well as space dogfights. Use Dual Shock for best results.

Winner

Command & Conquer: Red Alert

91%

Price £39.99 Players 1-2
Control your tiny army and conquer worlds in this neat strategy thing. Uses mouse and link-up.

Winner

Command & Conquer: Retaliation

91%

Price £39.99 Players 1-2
Exactly the same to play, but with new missions, vehicles and cranked-up difficulty levels. Two-player.

Winner

Constructor

82%

Price £39.99 Players 1
Play God in this building site sim that's a lot more fun than it sounds. Easier to play with mouse.

Contra: Legacy of War

83%

Price £44.99 Players 1-2
Solid blasting action for one or two kitted-out soldiers ready to save the world. 3D mode is great with glasses supplied.

Cool Boarders 85%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1

The original snowboarding thrash is still fun to play, but lack of other racers makes it a bit dull.

Cool Boarders 2 91%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2

Sheet hot snowboarding game made a whole lot better than the first thanks to the two-player game.

Winner

Cool Boarders 3 82%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2

OK follow-up which doesn't improve on the one before, so what's the point? Uses Dual Shock.

Crash Bandicoot 3 89%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1

A great laff for all, with loads of different gameplay styles and some lovely graphics. Much too short though. Dual Shock compatible.

Crime Killer 79%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2

Futuristic cops 'n' robbers mix of racing and shooting. Good fun for a bit, but then gets boring. Works with Dual Shock.

Croc 2 80%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1

Cutey-pie platforming action with a cuddly crocodile. Not as puke-making as it sounds but still let down by poor controls.

Crusader: No Remorse 78%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1

Shoot loads, explore like crazy and bag a load of bad guys. OKish lone soldier 'em up.



Dark Forces 80%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1

Star Wars first-person blast which looks old skool but plays OK. The best bit? Zapping stormtroopers.

Darklight Conflict 87%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1

3D space game delivers stunning gameplay and slick visuals. Difficult to master so watch out.

Darkstalkers 3 71%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2

The kind of Japanese beat 'em up only a mother could really love. And with so many other doozies available, are you gonna bother?

Dead Ball Zone 78%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2

Hyper-violent future sports game with loadsa blood-spilling and chainsaws. Fast and frantic.

Dead or Alive 91%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2

Excellent fist-throwing monster boasts super-crisp graphics and well-stacked female fighters. Result!

Winner



Deathtrap Dungeon 85%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1

Tomb Raider-style adventure with scantily clad heroine, loads of big monsters and muchos sword swinging.

Descent 83%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2

Doom in spaceships. Fly around underground tunnels, shooting stuff. Not bad, but better in link-up two-player mode.

Descent II 78%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2

Few improvements so why bother? If anything this is slower than the first one. D'oh!

Devil Dice 85%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2

Simple but addictive puzzler that'll keep you coming back for more. And more...

Diablo 77%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2

Pretty good adventuring epic that's not too spoddy. You've gotta stick it out to get the best from this one.

Disruptor 76%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1

Slick-looking but ultimately yawnsome first-person fire fest. Brimming with tasty weapons though.

Diver's Dream 75%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1

Go on a search for buried treasure beneath the sea. Fun but flawed. Approach with care, we say...

Best link-up games

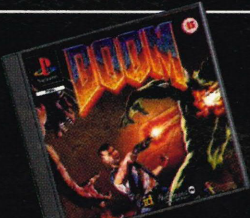
Make friends without embarrassment!

You've got a PlayStation and so has your mate. But have you linked 'em together? You should, because there are some class two-player games out there, and most are pretty cheap too. All you need is a link cable, which set you back about a tenner, plus two machines and a couple of TVs. If you can't afford two copies of a game, rent instead - it's a lot cheaper. The hot games to get are:



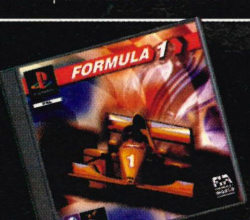
Wipeout 2097

Play this with link-up and both racers get a full screen view, rather than the letterbox you get in split-screen mode. This baby's fast, full with weapons and only £20.



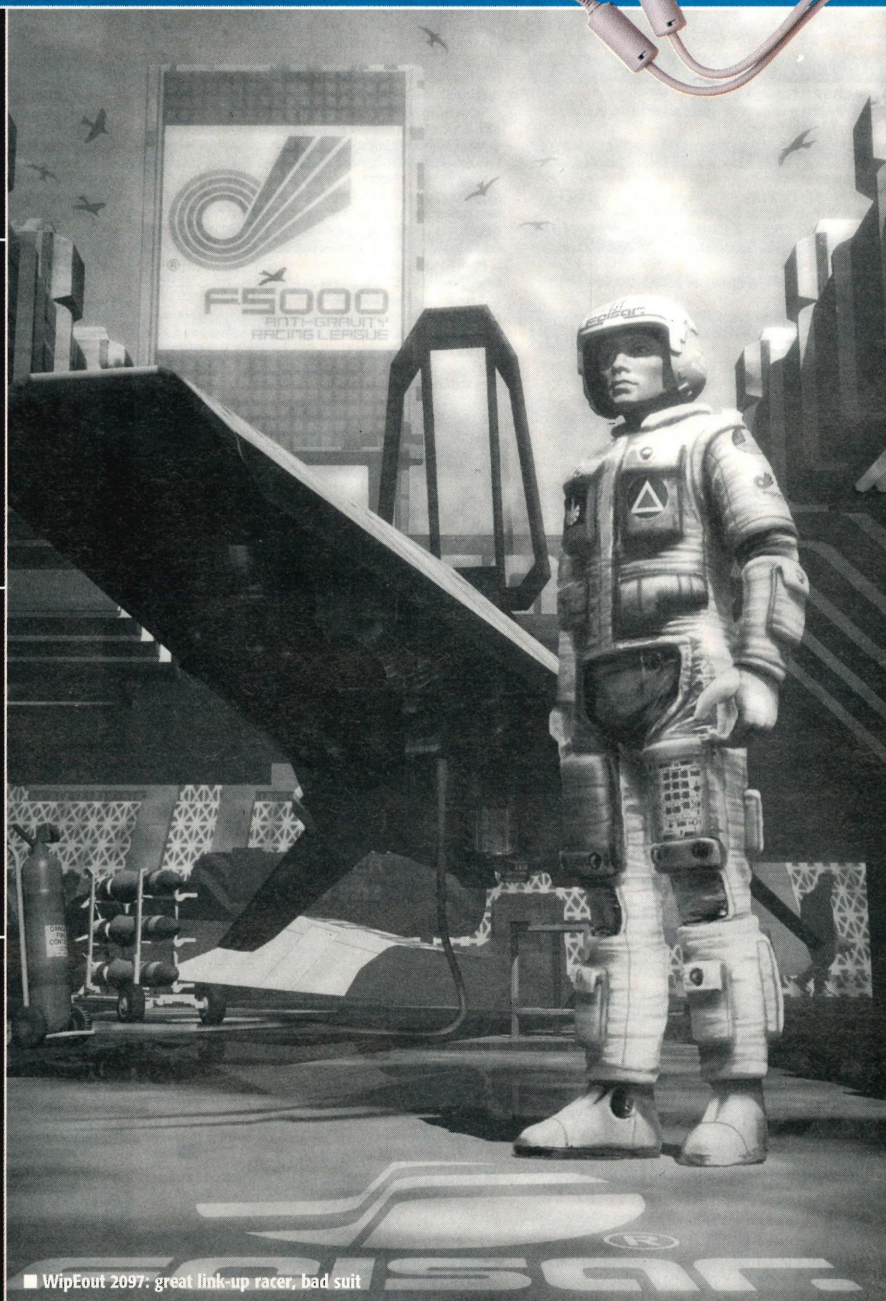
Doom

Looks pretty basic but for full-on frugging this can't be beat. Battle your mate across 59 arenas, picking up rocket launchers and blasting the crap outta each other. Sweet.



Formula 1

OK, it's dead old, but this is a great link-up racer simply because you can luxuriate in your full-screen view, rather than squinting at half a screen. And, like the other two here, it's only £19.99.



■ Wipeout 2097: great link-up racer, bad suit

Driver 94%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1

Awesome mafia driving game. Imagine a cross between Grand Theft Auto and Gran Turismo.

Winner

Duke Nukem 91%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2

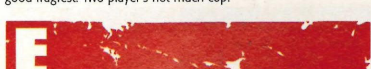
Storking corridor shoot 'em up. Colourful, funny and very violent. Two-player link game is great laffs.

Winner

Duke Nukem: Time to Kill 88%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2

Da Dook gets a Tomb Raider-style makeover. The result? A dead good fragfest. Two-player's not much cop.



Earthworm Jim 2 73%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1

Old Skool platformer doesn't take itself too seriously. Great to play, if only for a couple of hours.

ESPN Extreme Games 74%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2

Oddball sports racing game with a handful of events and a twist of violence for good measure.

Everybody's Golf 83%

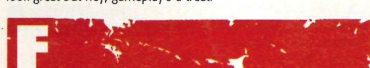
Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4

A golf game that's - wait for it - fun! Big-headed clubbers take to the fairway and for once it's no snooze-a-thon.

Exhumed 86%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1

One of the most challenging Doom-style blasters around. Doesn't look great but hey, gameplay's a treat.



Felony 11-79 81%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1

Choose your motor and burn up three well cool tracks. Trash things to get extra cars. Refreshing tyre-shredding stuff.

FIFA 99 75%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-8

Fairly standard footy game crammed with league teams and all the players. Look OK, doesn't play too hot.

The Fifth Element 79%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1

Likeable adventure based on the sci-fi smash. Lacks the pizzazz to make it a true classic.

Final Doom 85%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2

Ultra-hard follow-up with 30 new levels but the same old weapons. Still, a good link-up laugh.

Fluid 80%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1

Swim through underwater worlds to build up library of samples, then mix dance tunes. Odd.

Formula 1 97 89%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2

Great racing sim endowed all the proper drivers 'n' teams, plus nifty hi-res graphics. The two-player game is whiffy.

Formula Karts 75%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2

Kart racer that's fast, fun 'n' furious. The tracks are bit short, but otherwise an engine-revving laff.

Forsaken 87%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2

Zip through tight corridors, straddled on a jet bike. The aim: shoot everything in sight. Cool. Uses Dual Shock pad.

Frogger 3D 78%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4

Retro classic given a 3D facelift. Gameplay's simple but still fun, while the graphics look nice enough. Four players with multitap.

Knowledge: new every month

Future Cop: LAPD 83%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Hover, stomp and blast your way through futuristic cities, all in the pursuit of justice. Not 'arf bad.

G-Darius 86%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Stomping shoot 'em up pits you against a world of murderous fish. Well frantic.

G-Police 91%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Sci-fi helicopter thriller that grabs you by the balls. It's a bitch to control but the Dual Shock helps.

Gex: Enter the Gecko 80%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Yep, you control a bouncing lizard. Fine addition to an already fun-filled platform series.

Gex 3D 89%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Very cool 3D platformer pumped full of exploration and adrenalin. Sometimes tricky to control, but you'll get used to it pronto.

Ghost in the Shell 88%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Japanese-y robot shooter with great graphics, cool tunes and a whole lotta gameplay. You'll like.

Global Domination 73%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Very boring to look at - it's just this coloured globe - but strategy nuts'll get excited over it. The rest of you, be wary.

Hard Edge 84%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
It's a Resident Evil-style adventure with a sci-fi edge and a dash of kung fu just for good measure. Not bad at all.

Heart of Darkness 85%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Good looking platformer plays like a peach. Puzzle-y bits to chew on too. Presented in widescreen though, which is odd.

Help! 85%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Broken Sword's great, but Road Rash and Myst ain't so hot. Still, pretty good value.

Hero's Adventures 85%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Solid gameplay and tons of challenge in fun-to-play cartoon frolics. Arcade adventure, Greek Gods style.

Hercules 80%

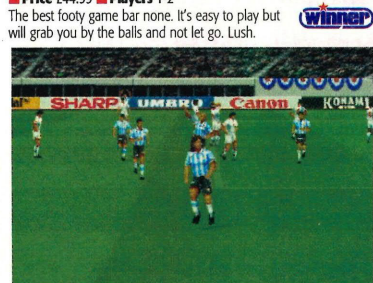
Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Based on the Disney flick, this coolio looking platform game is fun for a bit. Could've been longer, though.

Impact Racing 72%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Offbeat racing game mixing Destruction Derby with Mad Max. Not quite as good as it sounds, unfortunately...

ISS Pro 98 94%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
The best footy game bar none. It's easy to play but will grab you by the balls and not let go. Lush.



Jersey Devil 78%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Looks fantastic but the gameplay's not quite up to scratch. Dodgy camera angles make it hard to play.

Jonah Lomu Rugby 84%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-4
Brilliant rugby sim, but the fiddly controls will drive you mad. Worth sticking with...

Jumping Flash 76%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Well old 3D platformer where you've gotta leap sky-high to win. Nice idea but looking a bit dated.

Jumping Flash 2 77%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Same thing as before, but not enough levels to keep your appetite satisfied. No fair.

K.L. 75%

Kensei: Sacred Fist 75%
Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Tries hard to be a great beat 'em up but doesn't quite succeed. We reckon you're better off with Tekken 3.

KKnD: Krossfire 77%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
It stands for Kill Krush and Destroy. Which sounds cool. But this is not as good as you'd think.

Klonoa 80%

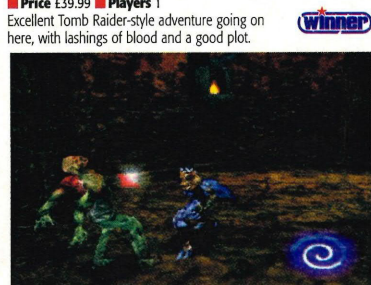
Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Sicky sweet platform romp which stars a puppy as the main geeza. Nice looking and fun enough to play, but a bit easy.

Kula World 89%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Bounce a beach ball through weirdo levels to solve puzzles. Odd concept but strangely addictive.

Legacy of Kain: Soul Reaver 92%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Excellent Tomb Raider-style adventure going on here, with lashings of blood and a good plot.



Lemmings 80%

Price £19.99 ■ Players 1
It's cheap, addictive as hell but looks bloody awful. Still, we reckon you'll play for ages. Uses Dual Shock.

Little Big Adventure 81%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Action adventure packed with puzzles and shooty bits. Another case of gameplay over graphics.

Lucky Luke 72%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
The mix of gameplay styles makes this an interesting if not exciting platformer. Looks a bit kiddish.

M 80%

Machine Hunter 80%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Top-down blast where the action never stops. Good fun for both one and two players.

Madden 97 80%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
If American football floats your boat you could to a lot worse than tackle this baby.

Madden 98 83%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Better than the first but not by much. More gridiron action than you can shake a stick at.

Madden 99 73%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
For chrissakes, three games later and naff all has changed. Yeah it's still OK, but we demand more! Uses multitap.

Magic Carpet 79%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Fly around on your mystic rug, zapping weird creatures with magic. An oldie but still pretty darn good.

Marvel Super Heroes 78%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Flatfish beat'em up with some H-U-G-E fighters. Animation's not so hot but it plays nice enough.

Marvel Super Heroes vs Street fighter 83%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
If you're really into Marvel Super Heroes and REALLY into Street Fighter, this cannae be faulted. The rest of you, approach with care.

Max Power Racing 90%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
No Gran Turismo beater but still a pedal-to-the-metal road racer. Loads cars and tracks to choose from.

MDK 75%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Interesting shoot 'em up let down badly by patchy graphics. Filled with action though.

Mechwarrior 2 83%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Climb inside a giant-sized robot and trudge into battle. Mixes strategy and shooting to great effect.

MediEvil 92%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Does slaughtering demons pump your pulse? Then tuck into this hack 'n' slash adventure. We like it.

Metal Gear Solid 93%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Atmospheric, pacy, good-looking and innovative. If only it were a bit longer...



Michael Owen's WLS 99 92%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
England soccer star endorses top footy game. Looks are sweet and gameplay is finger lickin' good.

Monster Trucks 76%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Big motors with oversized tyres trash the countryside in this frantic racer. Good dirt churning fun for a little while.

Mortal Kombat 3 71%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
MK fans will love it but the rest of us'll think it's pretty naff. Extra marks for gory finishing moves.

Moto Racer 80%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Pretty speedy motorbike racer with both tarmac and off-road tracks. A nice change from car games.

Moto Racer 2 91%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
This is one helluva scorchier. Stacks of tracks and bikes, plus an easy-to-use track editor.

Motorhead 89%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
So fast it'll make your eyes bleed. Graphics are basic compared to Gran Turismo, but this one still pops our cork.

Motor Toon Grand Prix 2 80%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Light-hearted racer that's more a laugh than a sim. Great in one player but check out the two-player link-up - it's smart.

Music 92%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Be the next Fatboy Slim with this dance music creator. Loads of samples and dead easy to use.



Myst 76%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
One third of the Help! charity pack. Dull-looking adventure that's quite absorbing. Patience is a must for this 'un though.

N 86%

N20 86%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
No-brainer game means you can pick up this blast and notch up high scores within minutes.

Nanotek Warrior 75%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Enjoyable shooting action which starts with a kick, but lacks enough levels to keep blowing your mind.

NBA Hangtime 72%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Arcade basketball game doesn't take itself too seriously. A laugh in four-player with multitap and that's about it.

NBA in the Zone 75%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Pacey basketball sim with stacks of stats. Looks old compared to newer b-ball slam dunkers.

NBA in the Zone 2 85%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Much better than the first, but let's face it, it's still basketball. More variety next time, please.

NBA Jam Tournament 80%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Multitap-compatible conversion of the age-old arcade game. Two-on-two action with big heads. Odd.

NBA Live 97 83%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-8
Look, enough of the basketball games, all right? Especially when they offer buggar all over the others.

NBA Live 98 88%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-8
Same as the last, but with updated teams and players, plus a few enhancements. Sweet.

NBA Live 99 79%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-8
Look, enough of the basketball games, all right? Especially when they offer buggar all over the others.

Need for Speed III 87%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Very fast and tasty-looking high-speed driving game which is miles better than the previous two. Uses Dual Shock.

Newman Haas Racing 71%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Substandard Indy Car racer from the blokes who gave us Formula 1. Looks old, man.

NFL Blitz 86%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
The only American footy game which doesn't get bogged down by over-complicated rules. Not 'arf bad.

NFL Gameday 72%

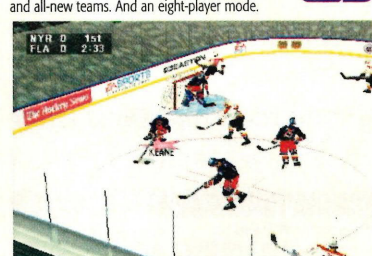
Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
More realistic than Blitz but nowhere near as much fun. Very average in every respect.

NHL 97 85%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Top-notch graphics make this a great-looking sports sim. Gameplay's pretty hot, too.

NHL 98 91%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-8
Slicker than the previous effort, plus better graphics and all-new teams. And an eight-player mode.



NHL 99 86%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-8
Instalment number three and it's still the same old thang. Not bad, but we expect more. So should you.

NHL Breakaway 98 87%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-8
If ice hockey's your bag, this ain't bad for a spin, even though it looks and plays like most of the others.

NHL Powerplay 98 87%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-8
A lot of ice, tons of players and a tiny puck. It sounds like every other hockey game and y'know what, it is.

Nightmare Creatures 89%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Gothic horror game with two heroes hack 'n' slashing it against Satan's spawn. Gory and great.

Ninja: Shadow of Darkness 80%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Chuck throwing stars and hack with your sword in this OKish one-player action 'em up.

Nuclear Strike 91%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Explosive chopper shooter mixing top-notch blasting with serious strategy. It's a toughie, but you'll dig it.

O 86%

ODT 86%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Run around and shoot loads of stuff. Oh, and solve some darn easy puzzles. We don't mind this at all.

Ozma Boost 90%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Frantic space blaster with giant-sized robots and even bigger weapons. Well cool.

Olympic Soccer 75%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
An old skool soccer game which looks appalling but doesn't play too bad. Not in the same league as ISS Pro though.

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And ask to speak to PlayStation. We're here to help.

One **79%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Good looking ultra-violent platform shooter which would've been awesome if it wasn't for the yawnsome combat.

Overblood **71%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Resident Evil-style adventure which lacks excitement or tension. More action needed, and fast!

P **79%**

Parappa the Rapper **89%**

■ Price £29.99 ■ Players 1
Bizarro rapping game when you win by tapping in time with the music. Simon Says style. Offbeat and amusing.

Phat Air Snowboarding **75%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Snowboarding bandwagon-jumper which just doesn't cut the mustard against other steep slope sliders.

Player Manager Seasons 98/99 **71%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Playable enough and it's got all the latest teams, but not a patch on Premier Manager 98.

Pitfall 3D **84%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Very playable platformer which nicks a load of ideas from Indiana Jones. Challenging yet fun.

Pocket Fighter **79%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Pin-sized fighters square up against each other in this strangely interesting punch 'em up. One for fanatics only.

Po'Ed **72%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Doom-style blaster with weird monsters and bizarre weapons. Ever whacked anything with a frying pan? You can now...

Point Blank **92%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Fantastic shooting gallery gun game which really needs a lightgun. The two-player is brilliant. **winner**

Pool Hustler **79%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Plenty 'o' ball fun to be had, but strange Yankee rules spoil our fun somewhat.

Populous: The Beginning **85%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Another God game where you build up your little guys and lead 'em into battle. Yeah, a nice little number.

Poy Poy **83%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-4
Using the multitap, up to four players can whip each other's ass by chucking stuff around. The one player game is naff though.

Poy Poy 2 **73%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-4
Hang on a sec. This is exactly the same as the first. We demand to know what's going on!

Premier Manager 98 **86%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Was the king of the sheepskin coat, but a few major flaws mean it's not quite a classic. Not so for the sequel though...

Premier Manager 99 **91%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Similar to the first, but with most of the bugs ironed out. The result's a well-tasty footy management sim. **winner**

Pro Pinball: Big Race USA **89%**

■ Price £19.99 ■ Players 1-4
Bargain-priced pinball sim with only one table, but boy is it a corker. Stacks of secrets and bonuses to play with.

Pro Pinball: The Web **89%**

■ Price £24.99 ■ Players 1-4
The first in the Pro Pinball series. A class table with tons of sub-games ensures this is a definite must-have.

Pro Pinball: Timeshock! **89%**

■ Price £24.99 ■ Players 1-4
Like the others in the series, this offers fantastic ball physics and a brilliant table to play on.

Project Overkill **72%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Flashy but dull-as-ditch-water shoot 'em up. Not even the handful of puzzles spice it up...

Psychic Detective **74%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Spanning three CDs, it's not that it's a giant-sized game, it's just got a load of video footage. Not bad but by no means great.

Psychic Force **71%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Standard fare beat 'em up. All the usual moves and fighters but poor executed. Oh well.

R **81%**

R-Types **81%**

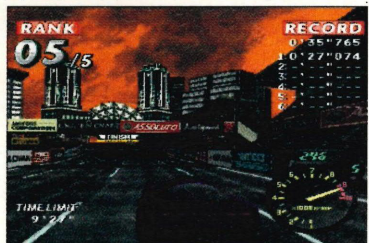
■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Two really old shoot 'em ups for the price of one. Both look pretty poor but both pack some serious gameplay.

Racing Simulation-Monaco Grand Prix **82%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
At last! A Formula One game that doesn't suck. Yeah, you could've knocked us over with a feather, too...

Rage Racer **93%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Goyish-looking, super-fast racing game that's lush to play. Get it, worship it, thank us for recommending it. **winner**



Raging Skies **71%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Dated flight sim which gets repetitive all too quickly. It's average, even if you're into this sort of thing.

Raiden Project **72%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Dodgy to look at 'cos it's so old. The gameplay's simple but doesn't rescue it from mediocrity.

Rally Cross **88%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-4
Tasty little off-road racing game made even better by its multitap-tastic four-player mode.

Rally Cross 2 **79%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
None too serious sequel with fun gameplay and ridiculous crashes. The track editor is a nice touch.

Rapid Racer **82%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Speedboat racing with kick-ass soundtrack and some cool water effects. Slow in two-player mode.

Rapid Reload **75%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Entertaining but ultimately limited platform shoot 'em up. There's much better stuff available...

Ray Storm **83%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Vertical blasting shoot 'em up that's tough, demanding and fast. Also packs some great weapons.

Ray Tracers **73%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Fantastic while it lasts, but this zippy car chase game is over within the first couple of hours. Damn! **Rent it**

Reboot **78%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Hoverboard game that's more a frantic blast than futuristic racer. Plays well, but a bit limited.

Reloaded **71%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Top-down blast with big weapons and a surprising number of levels. Very samey after a while.

Resident Evil 2 **95%**

■ Price £49.99 ■ Players 1
Two discs full of pant-filling surprises. Super-tense and gloriously gory, we guarantee you'll love it. **winner**

Resident Evil Director's Cut **91%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Virtually identical to the first one, but with a couple of extra scenes. Get the original for £20 instead. **winner**

Retro Force **75%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Robotic space cats run riot in this old-style shoot 'em up. Don't bother buying, rent it instead. **Rent it**

Return Fire **88%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Comical army game where you choose your vehicle and drive it into battle. Fast, furious and fun.

Ridge Racer Type 4 **93%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Excellent racing game. Right up there with Gran Turismo. Buy it. Now. **winner**

Risk **73%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Expensive alternative to the classic boardgame of world domination. Your dad'll probably like it.

Rival Schools **89%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Schoolkids go psycho in the playground in this sweet 3D fighter. You can even train up your geezas.

Riven **80%**

■ Price £49.99 ■ Players 1
You'll pay big bucks for this 'cos it's on five discs. Very clever and good looking, but very, very slow.

Road Rash 3D **80%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Bike racing with two ways to win: drive like a demon or use chains and other weapons to cane the other riders. Different.

Rogue Trip **76%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Cars was set in different arenas. Grab victory by rescuing tourists and filling the enemy with bullets.

Rollcage **89%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Like Wipeout on the roads. Which means lots of speed and driving on the ceiling. So, yeah: it rocks.

Rosco McQueen **78%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Firefighting thing in which you've gotta save buildings before they're burnt to the ground. More suited to youngsters.

Rushdown **78%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Mountain biking, snowboarding and kayaking all on the one disc. Shame it's not that great.

R-Type Delta **85%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Old-style space shoot 'em up sees you flying across the screen offing baddies. Still takes no prisoners.

S **89%**

Sampras Extreme Tennis **89%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Real ease of play and lots of views raise it above unseeded rivals. A lot of players to choose from, too.

SCARS **83%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Super Computer Animal Racing Simulation, otherwise known as good-for-a-laff tyre burner for up to four players using a multitap.

Shadow Master **78%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Buggy-based first-person shooter set in the future. Loads a blasting but gets a bit boring after a while.

Sim City 2000 **87%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
First you build a city, then you've got to run it. Pretty heavy going but rewarding if you stick at it. Easier to control with the mouse.

Skull Monkeys **78%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Plasticine characters and far-out levels makes this platformer a unique, if not entirely brilliant action game.

Snow Racer **79%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Ski or snowboard down some dangerously steep slopes. Great freestyle mode but not much else. **Rent it**

Spot goes to Hollywood **71%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
You're a little red spot, right, and you've gotta jump on bad guys and collect things. In other words, a dodgy platformer.

Spyro the Dragon **88%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Viewed-from-above run-around, shooty game, with you cast as a scantily-clad female cyborg. Odd plot, ordinary gameplay.

Star Gladiator **85%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
This 3D fighter's super-smart to look at, and although gameplay's basic it's still good for a quick bash.

Streak **79%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Hoverboarding race game with some cleverly-designed courses and an all-right two-player game.

Steel Harbinger **71%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Not-so-bad tank game that's a bit repetitive but worth a look all the same. Best to rent, though.

Steel Reign **75%**

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Not-so-bad tank game that's a bit repetitive but worth a look all the same. Best to rent, though. **Rent it**

Street Fighter Alpha **87%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
It's an old series but as a 2D fighter it's still super-slick. Great graphics and solid gameplay.

Street Fighter Alpha 2 **91%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Similar to before but with new characters, great custom combos and counters. Great stuff. **winner**



Street Fighter Alpha 3 **85%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Smart enough beat 'em up all right, but the good news is: it uses the PocketStation.

Street Fighter Collection **73%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Not-that-great compilation of three Street Fighter games, two of which are dead old and extremely similar. Shame.

Street Fighter Ex Plus Alpha **93%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
It's Street Fighter in 3D and y'know what, it rocks. Fast and full of great moves, you should have this in **winner**

Street Racer **71%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Average racing game which is only memorable for the multiplayer game. Which isn't that great, either. Oops.

Suikoden **75%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Boring as hell to look at, but role-playing freaks'll get moist over this. It's a bit dull for the rest of us, though.

Super Puzzle Fighter 2 Turbo **92%**

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
The most addictive game we've played, EVER. And it's only a dead simple puzzle game. **winner**



Supersonic Racers **74%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Playable but flawed racer with tiny cars and interesting tracks. Not as good as Micro Machines.

Swagman **77%**

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Arcade fun set in a weird dreamscape. Looks flat and pretty dull, a bit like the gameplay.

Best games for girls

It's a cliché that girls hate games. They don't but you've just gotta know which games get 'em going. To get your girl gagging for more try these out on her:

Abe's Oddysee

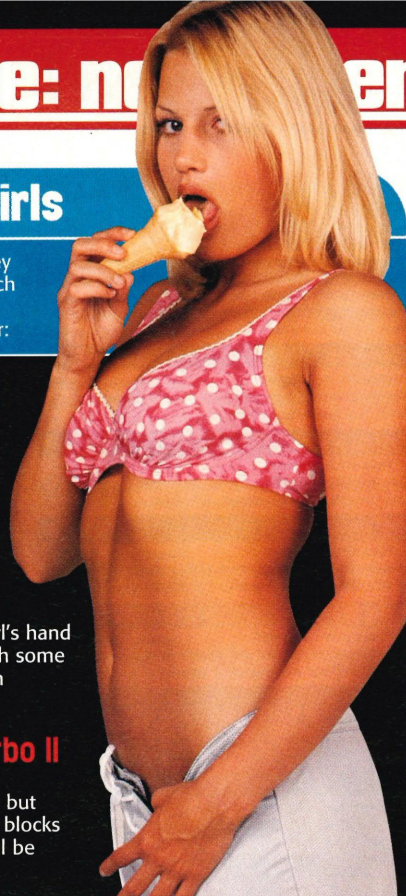
■ Price: £19.99 ■ Players: 1-2
He looks kinda weird, speaks like a baby and farts loads. She puts up with you when your arse-soled, so this little green guy can only be an improvement, huh?

Point Blank

■ Price: £34.99 ■ Players: 1-2
Forget joypads, stick a gun in your girl's hand and she goes wild! Combine that with some full-on ass-cappin' action and she's in PlayStation heaven.

Super Puzzle Fighter Turbo II

■ Price: £19.99 ■ Players: 1-2
They might be crap at fighting games but when it comes to matching coloured blocks they're red hot. Only problem is you'll be beaten every time, guaranteed.



Syndicate Wars

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Ultra-cool and very violent shoot'em up with neat four-player multi-tap game. Pretty good with a mouse.

Syphon Filter

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
You're a tooled-up James Bond in this class spy shoot 'em up. **winner**



Tank Racer

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
As a two-player game you'll get a bit of value, but in single-player mode racing tank's just doesn't cut it. **Rent it**

Tekken 3

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
The daddy of all beat 'em ups, this is so good it hurts. Superb graphics, moves and fighters. **winner**

Tempest X3

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Retro shooter. Gameplay's sweet and the graphics are OK, but it doesn't last long enough. **Rent it**

Tenchu: Stealth Assassin

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Be rough like a ninja and sting like a bee in this awesome game of blood-spilling and stealth. **winner**

Tenka

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Slow-moving first-person blast with run-of-the-mill graphics and gameplay. Needs an action injection. **72%**

Tennis Arena

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Slick tennis game that's not the best we've seen, but it's not all bad. Has a four-player multitap option. **76%**

Test Drive 4x4

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
There are stacks of off-roaders available and this isn't up there with the best of 'em. Oh well. **76%**

Test Drive 5

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Tarmac racer which just manages to drag itself from the pit of mediocrity. But only just... **77%**

Tetris Plus

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Well, it's Tetris innit? A pretty good version of the classic puzzler, but the price tag's a bit steep. **79%**

Theme Hospital

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Build your own hospital, making sure the patients are cared for and the doctors aren't overworked. Not bad. Easier with mouse. **84%**

Theme Park

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Same as above, but this time you've got a theme park complete with rollercoasters and rides to play around with. **85%**

Tiger Shark

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Impossibly high difficulty level makes this otherwise tasty shooter a bit hard to enjoy. C'mon guys, go easy on us... **72%**

Tiger Woods 99

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
A pretty good golf sim which only falls short because of it's cruddy putting system. **78%**

Time Commando

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Unusual sci-fi mix of adventure and shooting. Odd control system takes some getting used to. **76%**

Tobal No.1

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
A beat'em up with a difference - it's got the one-on-one ruck, but also a cool exploration mode. **91%**

TOCA Touring Car 2

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
The graphics are juicy, the handling is sweet and gameplay is spot on. Two-player ain't so bad, either. **93%**

Tomb Raider II

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Lara's second adventure is good but boy, is it a git to beat. Soon to be going Platinum so hang on. **94%**

Tomb Raider III

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Three games later and she's still kicking ass. Bigger than the other two and just as exciting. **93%**

Tombi

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Typically Jap-style cartoon platformer with a pink-haired caveman who chucks pigs around. Just don't ask, OK? **79%**

Total NBA 96

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-8
Just when you thought it was safe to enter the game shop... Another b-ball game appears. Noo! **74%**

Total NBA 97

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-8
Slightly better than the last but still not great. Only check out if you really like basketball games. **76%**

Total NBA 98

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-8
The best of the series, but again it's only recommended to true fans of this slam-dunkin' sim. **79%**

Tokyo Highway Battle

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Substandard Rage Racer done set on the streets of, um, Tokyo. The only good bit is the powersliding. **74%**

Toshiden 3

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
A beat 'em up best left for beginners, 'cos you can pull off some cool-looking moves just by hammering the buttons. Yawn. **76%**

Transport Tycoon

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Your city's in dire need of a decent transport system and you're the guy to sort it. Pretty good if you've got patience. **84%**

Treasure of the Deep

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Make money by stealing booty from shipwrecks. Slow-paced underwater exploration blaster. **78%**

Triple Play 2000

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Baseball? Quite frankly, we don't want to play baseball but, truth be told, if we did, we'd play this one. Not bad at all. **79%**

Tunnel B1

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
It's looks the business but gameplay's not so sweet. Ultra-repetitive first-person shoot 'em up. **77%**

Twisted Metal

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Mad Max-style car shooting. A taste of things to come in the superb sequel, but this isn't quite so slick. **79%**

Twisted Metal World Tour

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Dodgy graphics aside, this is a great car-based blast which really rocks in two-player. Great battle arenas, too. **87%**

The Unholy War

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Part of it's like a chess game with good graphics, the other bit's a frantic blast between two fighters. Racy. **89%**



UEFA Champions League Season 98/99

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Footy game great looks and gameplay to match. We have a winner! **91%**

Vandal Hearts

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Another gammy-looking role-player with half-decent gameplay. Geeks'll love it, but the rest of us will find it hard work. **81%**

V-Ball Beach Volley Heroes

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Kung-fu-style volleyball that's pretty easy to play and fairly enjoyable. At its best in two-player. **75%**

V-Rally 2

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Great as a one-player off-road racer, but even better with a multitap and three mates. **94%**

Victory Boxing

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
More tactical than yer standard beat 'em up, this is slow and not much fun. **74%**

Victory Boxing 2

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
More of the same but with slightly better graphics. We prefer our fighters to be a bit faster. **76%**

Vigilante 8

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Cool-looking destruction derby with wicked cars kitted out with serious weaponry. Ace in two-player. **91%**

Virtual Pool

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Not a bad pool game but let's face it, you can't beat chalking the cue down your local. **79%**

Viva Football

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Class footy game with all the best international teams from the last 30-odd years. Unique control system works well. **84%**

VR Baseball

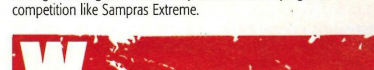
■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
The only baseball game you're ever likely to want to play, and even then it's only average. **71%**

Vs

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
LA gang war beat 'em up that's fun but the graphics ain't all that. Still, gameplay packs a punch. **80%**

V Tennis

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Average tennis game which really doesn't stand up against competition like Sampras Extreme. **72%**



Warcraft 2

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Pretty cool Command & Conquer-style strategy game. No mouse support and lack of two-player mode a mistake. **85%**

WarGames: Defcon 1

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Full-on action-strategy game with loads of firefights and action to sink your teeth into. **88%**

Warhammer: SOTH

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Shadow of the Horned Rat's a slow strategy beast based on the tabletop game. A bit limited for most. **78%**

Warhammer II: Dark Omen

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Better than the first but not by much. Pretty deep and therefore difficult to get into goblin-infested fantasy war epic. **84%**

Warhawk

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Instantly playable even though the controls are perhaps a bit tricky to begin with. Action shooter which could've been much better. **79%**

Warzone 2100

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
War strategy game with loads missions to get your teeth into. If strategy's your bag, you'll get into this one. **87%**

Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey 98

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Fast 'n' furious, but it won't last you that long. Stick to renting it only. **74%**

WCW Vs The World

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Surprisingly good wrestling game with a whopping 60 characters. Even if you hate the sport you'll have a laugh with this. **78%**

Wild 9

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Slickly presented and well-thought out platformer that's just too goddamn slow. **78%**

Wild Arms

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Hardcore role-player for the kinda guy who wears thick-rimmed specs and a second-hand anorak. You have been warned. **83%**

Williams Arcade Classics

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
A retro compilation with five good games out of six games, one of which is Defender. Result! **75%**

Wing Commander III

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Features fantastic video sequences and the bloke who played Luke Skywalker, but the gameplay ain't so good. **76%**

World Cup 98

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-8
The official game of the 98 tournament so it features all the proper teams and players. Not perfect but pretty good. Uses two multitaps. **85%**

World Cup Golf

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-8
The graphics are spot on but some of the courses are unforgiving, especially when you're penalised for mistakes you didn't make. **77%**

World League Soccer

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
A great game, the sequel of which is endorsed by Michael Owen. Still good. Works with multitap. **90%**

Wreckin' Crew

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
This small car racer is bright and colourful and provides a lotta laughs. It's still pretty flawed though. **72%**

WWF Warzone

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Wrestling game which is playable enough, but it's still nothing special. The create wrestler option is cool. **78%**

WWF Wrestlemania

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
More of the same, but much dodgier graphics. The moves aren't particularly exciting and neither's the game. **71%**



X-Com: Enemy Unknown

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
A turn-based strategy game that's easy to play yet fulfilling if you've got the time. The idea? To cane the alien invaders. **82%**

X-Com: Terror from the Deep

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
The same as above but set underwater, which means you get added air bubbles and all-new monsters. Oooh. **82%**

X-Men: Children of the Atom

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Too slow, plus the animation's rubbish. Just two criticisms of this particularly average thumpfest. **72%**

X-Men Vs Street Fighter

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Suffers from the same problems as X-Men: COTA. Just not up there with the Tekkens of this world. **71%**

Z

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Even though this robot battle game's flavoured with strategy, it's still overflowing with action. **78%**

Zero Divide

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
It tries to be Tekken with robots, but cocks up the graphics and the gameplay's just done a runner. Oh dear. **71%**

Platinum games

Every £19.99 PlayStation game rated

Abe's Oddysee 91%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Stuffed with gameplay goodness and laffs a-plenty. The puzzles are rock solid but you'll dig it anyway. **winner**

Actua Soccer 68%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
All right graphics are eclipsed by awkward gameplay. OK but nowhere near as good as ISS Pro.

Adidas Power Soccer 60%

Price £19.99 Players 1-4
Doesn't look that hot, doesn't play too good either. In fact, it's got naff all going for it, really...

Air Combat 65%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Tedious dogfighting game which tries to be a flight sim but fails. Miserably. Not enough action, not enough realism.

Alien Trilogy 85%

Price £19.99 Players 1
First-person blast based on the smash movies. Crammed with nasty aliens to bag and coolio weapons to collect.

Bust-a-Move 2 89%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Overly cute puzzle game which plays like a dream. Pop coloured balls to win. Simple but enjoyable.

Command & Conquer 90%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Guide your troops through enemy-riddled battlefields, building stuff as you go. Slow but still good.

Command & Conquer Red Alert 93%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Rock solid strategy game which looks lush and plays sweet. Two-player link-up mode is neat. **winner**

Crash Bandicoot 86%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Playable but frustrating platformer which looks the biz. Not as much variation as the sequels, but great value for money.

Crash Bandicoot 2 87%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Fact is, Crash Bandicoot games are damn good platformers. And this is no exception.

Croc 79%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Super-cute 3D platform romp where cuddly Croc's gotta rescue his furball buddies. Looks nice, but it's a bit too kiddie for us.

Destruction Derby 72%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Looks basic and gameplay's as shallow as a paddling pool. Two-player link-up is quite a laugh.

Destruction Derby 2 89%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Graphics are tons better and so's the game. Pull off spectacular crashes or race like a demon, it's up to you.

Die Hard Trilogy 91%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Three games in one, and they're all peachy. You'll need a lightgun for the second one. **winner**

Doom 90%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
The original blood-spattered corridor shooter. Action-packed, great fun and a great two-player link-up game. Smart.

Excalibur 2555AD 77%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Tries to be Tomb Raider but misses by a mile. Still, the fantasy story line is interesting enough...

Fade to Black 87%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Sci-fi mix of puzzle-solving and shooting. It's dead hard but stick it out and you won't be disappointed.

FIFA 96 58%

Price £19.99 Players 1-4
This is an old git compared to the newer, better-looking games like ISS Pro 98. Not even worth £20, really.

FIFA 98: Road to World Cup 60%

Price £19.99 Players 1-8
International teams quality for the 98 World Cup. Looks OK but plays like a dog.

Final Fantasy VII 86%

Price £19.99 Players 1
One of those role-playing games you either love or you hate. A steal at £19.99 but nevertheless we recommend try before you buy.



Firestorm: Thunderhawk 2 82%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Helicopter shoot 'em up that's a sweet mix of strategy and action. Just released on charity pack with three other games.

Formula 1 88%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
More than competent racing sim based on the 95 F1 season. Graphics are a bit blocky but hey, we still like. Uses link-up cable.

Gran Turismo 93%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Too realistic for some, but this is still probably the best racer around! Grab a dual shock and go. **winner**

Grand Theft Auto 85%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Crappy-looking but great fun to play. Steal cars, work for the mob, run riot. Hallelujah!

G-Police 84%

Price £19.99 Players 1
You're the cops. You pilot a cop copter. You blow stuff up across 35 different missions. What's to dislike?

Heart of Darkness 86%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Platform affair which looks good enough to eat and plays OK too. It's problem? Too damn frustrating by far.

Hercules 76%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Cartoonish platform japes in a variety of styles. You've got Disney to thank for this one.

International Track & Field 90%

Price £19.99 Players 1-4
An excellent party game for four players. Hammer the buttons to rack up the fastest times in this Olympic-standard sports game.

ISS Pro 91%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Still up there with the best footy games. A bit slow, but plays sweet. You won't find a better bargain. **winner**

Legacy of Kain: Blood Omen 88%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Enormous vampire adventure overflowing with virgins and blood-sucking. Doesn't look great but it's cool to play.

Loaded 75%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Ultra-violent shooter with bags of style but not much variation. Won't last you too long, then.

The Lost World: Jurassic Park 41%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Dodgy dino blast where you play as either hunters or toothed-up reptiles hungry for blood. Twenty quid badly spent, we reckon.

Mickey's Wild Adventure 45%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Well dated 2D platformer with the cartoon rodent. Extremely cute and very, very boring. Avoid.

Micro Machines V3 91%

Price £19.99 Players 1-4
Pint-sized cars steam round giant-sized tracks. Good for one player, absolutely creamy in four-player. **winner**

Mortal Kombat Trilogy 76%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
All the best Mortal Kombat bits in one package. Great if you like 'em gory, but we think it's just OK.

Moto Racer 79%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Straight-up, seat-of-your-pants motorcycle racing. Don't expect too much and you'll have a night left.

Need for Speed 70%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Second-rate racer which can't decide whether to be an action game or simulation. C'mon, make up your mind...

Pandemonium! 91%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Bright, bold and bolshi 3D platformer with slick graphics and polished gameplay. **winner**

Pandemonium 2 79%

Price £19.99 Players 1
This sequel's more colourful and has got a choice of character, but lacks the pizzazz of the original.

PGA Tour 96 59%

Price £19.99 Players 1-8
Looks ropey and the control system ain't so hot, especially when you're putting. Flawed, that's for sure.

Porsche Challenge 80%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
This nice-looking racer makes us warm in one-player, even if the controls are a bit dodgy. Two-player's not so good.

Rayman 43%

Price £19.99 Players 1
This game's older than your gran and, y'know, it looks it. 2D platformer which fails to excite.

Resident Evil 94%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Super-slick tale of tons of head-popping gun action and staggering zombies. A must-have. **winner**

Ridge Racer 76%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Was great in it's time and is still OK, but has been succeeded by so many other racers. Why not check out...

Ridge Racer Revolution 84%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Plays much the same as Ridge Racer, but has got some better tracks and a two-player link-up mode. Awful music though.

Road Rash 64%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Motorbiking/fighting mix where the winner's the first one to cross the line in one piece...

Soul Blade 90%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Lush sword-fighting beat 'em up with some mind-blowing special effects. Gameplay's simple but hey, it's still good.

Soviet Strike 92%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Rock solid chopper strategy shoot 'em up. Tough missions, top graphics and tricky gameplay. **winner**

Space Hulk 84%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Lead a team of dead 'ard space soldiers into battle against some nasty aliens. Slow strategy game.

Tekken 90%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Dead good to play but looks a bit crusty compared to the new 'uns. Good, but let's face it, you're gonna go for the one below...

Tekken 2 95%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
For £20 this is the bargain of the year. No, make that the Millennium. Everything's great about this. **winner**



Time Crisis 91%

Price £19.99 Players 1
The ultimate gun game which, for this price, will blow you away. You WILL need a lightgun though. **winner**

TOCA Touring Car Championship 91%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Wicked crashes a speciality here, as crowds of tuned-up cars bum it round a handful of tracks. **winner**

Tomb Raider 92%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Lara's first adventure is pretty much the perfect mix of action and puzzling. You really should have this. **winner**

Tomb Raider II 89%

Price £19.99 Players 1
Probably the worst of all Tomb Raiders. But still awesome. And for £19.99 you can't go wrong.

Total Drivin' 72%

Price £19.99 Players 1-4
Straightforward arcade racing for up to four players, using a link cable and split-screen option. Now special.

True Pinball 50%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
It's got four tables but all of 'em are trash. Bite the bullet and fork out the extra cash for one of the Pro Pinball games instead.

V-Rally 92%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Dead enjoyable off-road effort with sweet gameplay and a tasty two-player game. **winner**

WipEout 78%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Fast futuristic racer with high-speed thrills and collect weapons. Looks very old compared to the sequel.

WipEout 2097 94%

Price £19.99 Players 1-2
Super-slick racing monster that's so fast your eyes'll pop. Good link-up game and excellent music. **winner**

Worms 82%

Price £19.99 Players 1-4
It's a real stinker for one player, but plug in a multiplay, get yer mates around and let battle commence. Cool.

NEW Formula 1 97

Price £19.99 Players 1-2

The best F1 racer to date goes down to 20 notes

So what?

You get proper teams, drivers and tracks which can be played in arcade mode or the complex Grand Prix game.

What's it like?

Look's crisp and sharp and it plays well too, but the two-player game's not as hot.

RATED 90%



F1 97 is a serious contender for your last £19.99

'WHAT'S THE ULTIMATE JOYPAD?'

best buy

Joypad Truth

My mate says his Barracuda pad is the best pad that you can get. Is this true?

Dave Wilson, Solihull

We get loads of emails, letters and calls on this sort of thing. So here's the Word. The best all-round pad you can get is still Sony's own Dual Shock - a bargain at £19.99. It vibrates, has analogue and digital controls and is well made. Sony made a version without the vibration option but you can't buy it now.



Wild Things Sabotage Pad

■ £4.99

Mondo cheap pad with funny buttons and transparent plastic. The buttons seem to do what buttons should do, but the D-Pad is a little bit wonky.

- **Get it for:** Saving dosh
- **Rated:** It's very cheap indeed, so we didn't expect that much from it. And guess what. We didn't get much from it. Still, it's only a fiver. **55%**

GEAR

New shiny kit for your PlayStation

Choose your gaming gear wisely my son, by checking out the hot, the rot, and the just plain odd here.

Mad Catz Dual Racing Grip

■ £34.99

It's a grip. For racing. With a wheel on the side that you use to steer. With your other hand you pull a trigger bit underneath to accelerate and brake. Looks mighty odd.

- **Get it out for:** Racing, of course!
- **Rated:** Who buys these oddments? We've no idea. Still, all the bits of it seem to work fine. We prefer joypads, but if odd stuff tickles you pink, try it out. **65%**



Gamester 4K card

■ £11.99

We like this. It allows you to put sixty saves onto the one card instead of 15 using a little switch on the end. It works. All your games will save.

- **Get it out for:** Music
- **Rated:** If you really reckon you need all that saving space, this one'll keep all your treasured saves safe. **85%**



Games rated 70% and under

and the rest...

2Xtreme 55%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Really poor sequel to Extreme Games.

360 50%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Race ultra-fast hoverpods around river rapids. It sucks.

3D Lemmings 69%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
OKish 3D graphics. Uninteresting and awkward gameplay.

4-4-2 14%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-4
An absolute disgrace of a football game.

A 65%

Actua Ice Hockey
Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
There are too many ice hockey games around already. Nuff said

Actua Soccer Club Edition 60%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Same as the first Actua Soccer, but with club teams. Duh.

Adidas Power Soccer 98 55%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-4
Crappy old footy game which doesn't cut the mustard.

Adidas Soccer International 97 64%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
A follow-up to the first 'un, and likewise just as slack.

Agent Armstrong 67%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Mindless blasting, easy puzzles and daft graphics.

Air Race 66%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Racing takes to the skies. Easy to pick up but not much fun.

All Star Soccer 34%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Tries to mix footy with comedy commentary. Fails.

Andretti Racing 70%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Link-up four-player's OK, but the rest is nothing special.

Aquanaut's Holiday 53%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Environmentally friendly undersea adventure. Wet, but not wild.

Area 51 52%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Dodgy lightgun game which is, like, Dullsville.

Ark of Time 46%

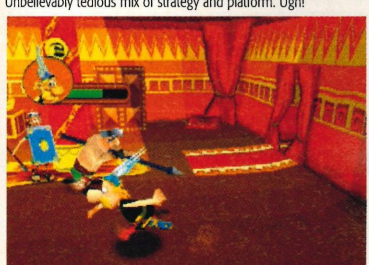
Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Bland puzzler: too boring and too hard. Get outta here!

Assault Rigs 68%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
A nice idea, but just too easy and too simple for its own good.

Asterix 30%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Unbelievably tedious mix of strategy and platform. Ugh!



Atari Collection 54%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Retro compilation: oldie, but no goldie.

Atari Collection 2 56%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
More retro 'classics'. Yeah, right...

Asteroids 70%

Price £29.95 ■ Players 1-2
Sure, it's a classic 80s arcade blaster, but couldn't

Atlantis 29%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Tremendously dull adventure-type malarky.

Auto Destruct 69%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Cop show-style driving and shooting game with fizz.

Ayrton Senna Kart Duel 32%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Very grim, substandard racer. Avoid, and that's an order.

Ayrton Senna Kart Duel 2 35%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
A karting game with all the fun of a lobotomy. Nasty.

Azure Dreams 67%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
This RPG is packed with good ideas, but is ultimately tedious.

B 61%

Battle Arena Toshinden 2 61%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Great visuals but the gameplay doesn't cut it.

Battle Stations 52%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Nice battleships concept, but it's just so basic.

Batman Forever 28%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
A real stinker. A beat 'em up in the loosest sense.



Beast Wars: Transformers 45%

Price £394.99 ■ Players 1
Godawful shoot 'em up with robot animals.

Blast Chamber 54%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
It's a futuristic game of tag. No, really, it is...

Blasto 56%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Appalling 3D platformer. We really don't like this.

Blaze and Blade 40%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Supremely grating role-playing which is no fun.

Bloodlines 40%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Kind of like a game of sci-fi tic, if you see what we mean.

Bomberman 65%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-5
Being multitap-compatible doesn't save this action strategy bobbins

Bomberman Fantasy Race 35%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
This kiddie-fied racer is just a waste of good CD.

Break Point 62%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
A fairly playable arcade tennis game. Nothing special.

Brahma Force 65%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Robot shooter much like Doom, just not as good.

Broken Helix 70%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Futuristic shooty puzzler. Looking very dated indeed.

Brunswick Pro Bowling 45%

Price £19.99 ■ Players 1-2
A very dodgy-looking bowling game with trashy gameplay.

Bubsy 3D 30%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Ugh! Ultra-crap platform game that looks and plays cruddy.

Bug Riders 34%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Ugly, unplayable insect-riding racer. Diabolical.

C 64%

Carnage Heart 64%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Build a robot then take it into battle. More strategy than action.

Casper 62%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Graphics are fine but it's a bit of a stinker to play.

Cheesy the Mouse 69%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Awful main character hides some average gameplay.

Chessmaster 3D 57%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Look, Grandad, we don't want your sort round here...

Chill 52%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
This snowboarding game is the pits. Much better stuff available.

City of the Lost Children 68%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Excellent graphics but wait, the gameplay's very slow.

Clock Tower 43%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Horror adventure that lacks tension and excitement.

Courier Crisis 69%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Collect parcels, deliver them. No thanks.

Critical Depth 65%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Submarine shooter. OK in two-player, not so good for loners.

Criticom 61%

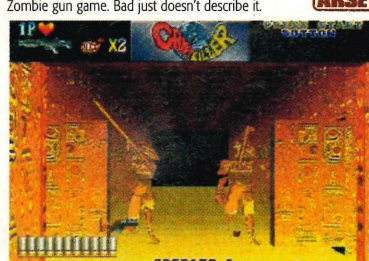
Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Nice enough graphics but this fighter loses out to Tekken.

Crow 2: City of Angels 33%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
You hated the movie, but you'll hate this fightin' adventure more.

Crypt Killer 27%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Zombie gun game. Bad just doesn't describe it.



Cyber Sled 59%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Lots 'o' shooting, buggier all action. Aww.

Cyber Speed 60%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
You race around wires. Like, why?

Cyberia 60%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Underwhelming shooter with very little gameplay.

D 62%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Looks all right but way too short. You'll finish it an hour.

Darkstalkers 68%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Street Fighter meets horror, with missing gameplay. Ooops.

Davis Cup Tennis 50%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Stinky tennis game. Don't bother with this, please.

Defcon 5 59%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
3D adventure that's no fun. Zzzzz...

Devil's Deception 60%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
You play Satan's helper in this dungeon manager game. Odd.

DiscWorld 65%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Fantasy comedy adventure which just isn't funny.

Dodgem Arena 68%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Arena-based spaceship ball game. Not great.

Dynasty Warriors 67%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Swordy fighter which doesn't, um, cut it against Soul Blade.

E 32%

Eliminator 32%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Scoot around arenas, shooting stuff from your spaceship.

Epidemic 64%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Corridor-based shooter which leads straight to Snoresville.

Evil Zone 61%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Simple gameplay makes this 3D fighter dull compared to Tekken 3.

Explosive Racing 51%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
It's a cruddy racing game. That's all you need to know.

Extreme Pinball 44%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Unrealistic ball movement so what's the point?

Extreme Snow Break 50%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Rubbish snowboarding effort. Well stinky.

F 64%

FIFA 97 64%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Very little improvement over 96, which wasn't much cop.

FIFA 98: Road to World Cup 65%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-8
Fairly average goal 'em up.

Fighting Force 66%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Beat 'em up adventure. Way dull.

Firo and Klawd 69%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Interesting buddy cop game which has no save game option. D'oh!

Floating Runner 59%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
3D adventure platform thing. No good.

Formula 1 98 70%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Worse than the other two. Like, how did that happen?

Frenzy 16%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
A biplane shooter. We really do hate this.

G 36%

Galaxian 3D 36%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Space shooter, but where's the gameplay gone?

Gex 68%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
The original and worst lizard-based platformer.

Goal Storm 66%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Clumsy players lumber around like geriatrics.

Granstream Saga 55%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Role-playing tedium which smells bad.

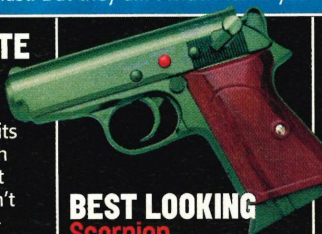
Best lightguns

Playing by yourself? Get Time Crisis. Want awesome multiplayer laughs? Splash out on Point Blank. Gun games are dead easy to play and they're great for a quick two minute blast. But they ain't much fun if your gun's shooting blanks.

MOST ACCURATE

Namco G-Con45

■ Price: £39.99
You can buy this on its own, or bundled with Point Blank for about £50. Although it hasn't got auto-fire or auto-reload, this hand cannon can take out pygmies at a thousand yards.



BEST LOOKING

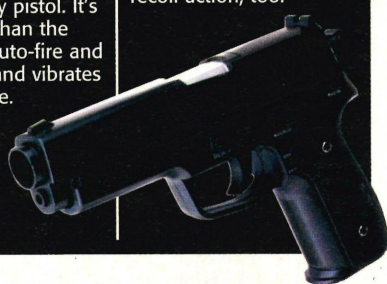
Scorpion

■ Price: £29.99
Look like James Bond with this classy pistol. It's a tenner less than the rest, has got auto-fire and auto-reload, and vibrates when you fire. You've gotta have small hands to use this baby, though.

BEST ALL-ROUNDER

Nu Gen Assassin

■ Price: £29.99
Looks the business and works with all games, whereas the G-Con doesn't work with stuff like Die Hard Trilogy. And you get a pedal and smart recoil action, too.



Grid Run

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Game of tag only half-decent in multiplayer.

GTA London

■ Price £19.99 ■ Players 1
You need the original to play this add-on, but don't bother, we say

Gunship

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Complex but fairly playable helicopter game.

Guardian's Crusade

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Even compared to other role-playing games this is boring tosh.

H

Hard Boiled

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Sci-fi shooter? Waste of space more like.

Hardcore 4x4

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Dull all-terrain racing game with lack of tracks.

Hebereke Popoitto

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Not-much-fun two-player puzzle game.

Hexen

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Very slow, very chunky first-person blast. Link-up.

Hi-Octane

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Race speeders and blast away with weapons. Or buy WipeOut 2097.

Hybrid

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Doom-style action 'em up. A right balls-up.

I

Independence Day

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Shoot 'em up based on the film. Bog-standard stuff.

Indy 500

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Offensively average Indy car game that's dull, dull, DULL.

In the Hunt

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
2D submarine shoot 'em up that's, er, substandard. Huh.

ISS Deluxe

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Dodgy footballer that's seen better days.

Iron and Blood

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Average 3D beat 'em up with swords 'n' stuff.

Iron Man

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Sad 'n' shoddy. A fighter of appalling standards.

Iznogoud

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
The title says it all, really.

J

Jeremy McGrath Supercross 98

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Ropey-as-hell motocross atrocity.

Jet rider

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Great idea, but this hov-bike racer's let down by... well, everything.

Jet Rider II

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
A sequel which is worse. Go figure...

Johnny Bazoorkatone

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Rock 'n' roll platformer without little rock, bugger all roll.

Judge Dredd

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Comic book gun game which lacks imagination. Well average.

K

K1 Arena Fighters

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Kick-boxing sim which just isn't slick or quick enough.

Kick Off 97

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
OK-to-play footy game which looks ancient.

Kick Off World

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Same ol' thing, but with international teams. Ooh.

King of Fighters 95

■ Price Rental only ■ Players 1-2
Only costs three quid to rent this beat 'em up.

Knockout Kings

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Plenty of famous boxers to choose from, but it's just so slow.

Krazy Ivan

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Robots with big guns fight, and nothing else happens. Oh, link-up.

Kurushi

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Block-based puzzler. Very mediocre.

L

The Last Report

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Tries to be Resident Evil but this adventure just ain't got it.

Legend

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Two-player hack 'n' slash fighter with sod all variety.

Legend of Kartia

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
We'd rather chew off our own feet than play this RPG again.

Lethal Enforcers

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Repulsive two-player lightgun game. It made us physically sick.

Libero Grande

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Far-out footy game which is just too weird for its own good.

Live Wire!

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Make boxes in this tiring puzzle game. And that's it.

Lomax in Lemmingsland

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Lemmings in platform shocker! Actually it's not that bad...

Lone Soldier

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Second-rate soldier shoot 'em up which is way slow.

Lost Vikings 2

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Arcade puzzler which is frustrating to play and rubbish to look at.

M

Maximum Force

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
More lightgun mediocrity you really shouldn't bother with.

MegaMan Battle and Chase

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Cartoon multiplayer racing. Just get lost, please...

MegaMan Legends

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
3D adventure. Looks like it's fifty years old, and that's being kind...

MegaMan X3

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Age-old platformer which is way too difficult.

MegaMan X4

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Oh c'mon, don't palm us off with the same old platform rubbish.

MegaMan 8

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Another name, yet strangely similar to the rest. Rubbish.

Men in Black

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Hugely disappointing adventure based on the movie.

Midnight Run

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Semi-fast racer that's a total turd to play. Yuk.

Monkey Hero

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Cartoon-style platform 'high jinx'. Er, hardly...

Monopoly

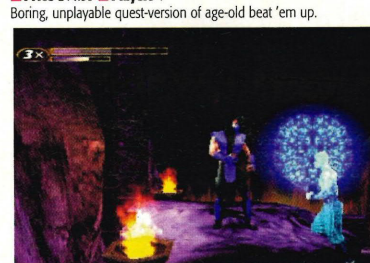
■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Same as the board game but on your telly.

Mortal Kombat 4

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Another MK fighter which offers very little new stuff.

Mortal Kombat Mythologies

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Boring, unplayable quest-version of age-old beat 'em up.



Motor Mash

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Derivative comic racing game: nice graphics but it's slow and dull.

Mr Domino

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Puzzler let down by poor control.

N

Nagano Winter Olympics

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Snow-based Track & Field game. Arse, quite frankly.

Namco Museum Vol.1

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
It's got Pacman, but everything else is yawnny.

Namco Museum Vol.2

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
This time Xevious is the highlight. Oh, you've never heard of it...

Namco Museum Vol.3

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
C'mon, this is getting ridiculous...

Namco Museum Vol.4

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
PacLand and some other rubbish retro hell.

Namco Museum Vol.5

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Enough already. Blimey, don't they ever give in...

NASCAR 98

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Ugly, dull racer with a hideous soundtrack.

NASCAR 99

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Insanely cack racer with unbelievably bad commentary. It's dire.

NBA Fastbreak

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Very realistic to play but y'know what, it's frustrating to the extreme.

NBA Jam Extreme

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Basketball starring players with big heads. Very funny.

NBA Live 96

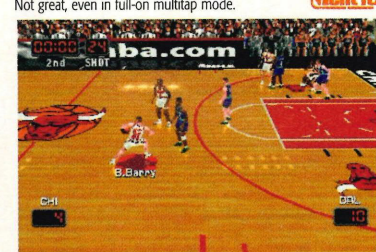
■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Average b-baller which just won't blow your mind.

NBA Pro 98

■ Price £38.99 ■ Players 1-4
Just quit with the basketball games, OK?

NBA Pro 99

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-8
Not great, even in full-on multitap mode.



Need for Speed 2

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Looks crap and plays like a brick.

Need for Speed: Road Challenge

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Average racing affair with only a cop chase mode to recommend it.

NFL Extreme

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Standard American football-type affair. Average.

NFL Quarterback Club

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-8
Competent sports sim let down by blocky graphics.

NHL Face Off

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-8
Nothing new to be found in this ice hockey effort.

NHL Face Off 97

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-8
Still average, despite the inclusion of extra features...

NHL Face Off 99

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-8
And still more of the same hockey toss.

NHL Open Ice

■ Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-4
Arcade-style hockey game. No great shakes, here.

NHL Powerplay 96

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
End-to-end stuff. OK, but there's so much better stuff on offer.

The Note

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Very basic adventure. Boring and dull.

Nova Storm

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Start game. Fire continuously. Finish game eventually. That's it.

O

Off World Interceptor

■ Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
A buggy racer set on the Moon. Weird, but not much cop.

Olympic Games

■ Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
More events than Track & Field, but not much fun to play.

OnSide Soccer 45%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Bland footy game not worth bothering with.

P

Pax Corpus 30%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Dire Tomb Raider wannabe. This is real slack.

Peak Performance 65%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Lots of options in this racer but not much else.

Perfect Weapon 51%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Beat 'em up cum adventure. Rubbish in both departments.

Pet in TV 60%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Tamagotchi-style pet for your PlayStation? No thanks...

PGA Tour 97 65%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Good-looking but gameplay's the same as all the rest.

PGA Tour 98 63%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Same as the last one, apart from a couple of slight improvements.

Pitball 63%

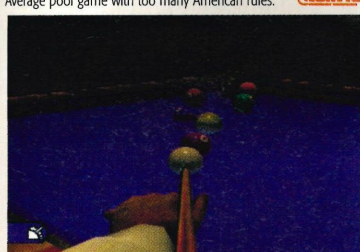
Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Futuristic sports game. Looks average, plays average.

Player Manager 68%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Predictable results spoil this footy management game.

Pool 70%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-16
Average pool game with too many American rules.



Power Soccer 2 60%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-4
This average soccer game won't hold your interest for long.

Pro 18 Golf 45%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Weird-looking golf sim that's rubbish to play, too.

Psybadek 67%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Hoverboarding game that's more adventure than racing. Poor.

Puma Street Soccer 45%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Five-a-side footy game lacks moves and variety. Give it a miss.

R

Rampage World Tour 59%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-3
Choose your monster then smash some cities. Extremely basic.

Rampage Universal Tour 54%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-3
Ages old arcade monster basher gets no better over time.

Rascal 53%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Awful camera angles make this 3D platformer almost unplayable.

Real Bout: Fatal Fury 30%

Price Rental only ■ Players 1-2
Very stale and slow beat 'em up. Not even worth renting.

Rebel Assault 2 46%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Not even the Star Wars connection saves this shooter.

Red Asphalt: Rock & Roll Racing 2 66%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Speedsters with awesome firepower fail to mix.

Revolution X 48%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
A gungame starring... Aerosmith? Oh pur-lease...

Rise 2: Resurrection 60%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Robot fighting game which fails to impress.

Riot 67%

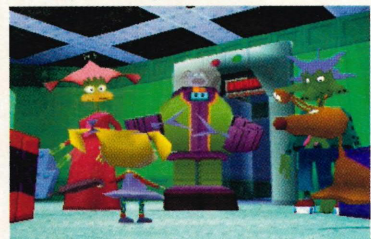
Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-16
Despite its multiplayer option, this future sport's not much fun.

Robotron X 66%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Simple, mindless and run-of-the-mill shooter.

Rug Rats 21%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Unbelievably crud cartoon games even the kids'll hate.



Running Wild 70%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-4
Control cartoon characters running around colourful courses.

S

Samurai Showdown 19%

Price Rental only ■ Players 1-2
Sword-fighting which hits new depths...

San Francisco Rush 48%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Tedious drive through the streets of SF. No fun.

Sensible Soccer 2000 25%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Crusty old footballer lacks talent. Real nasty.

Sentient 61%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Ambitious adventure is just too complicated for its own good.

Sentinel Returns 30%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
How can a game which looks so bad get released? Ridiculous.

Shanghai True Valor 18%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Oriental puzzler which you will not like.

Shellshock 65%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Second-rate tank game with shooty bits. Not brilliant, no siren.

Shockwave 56%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Trashy shoot 'em up which fails to get the blood pumping.

Skeleton Warriors 63%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Scrolling fighter which smells of old men's trousers.

Slam 'n' Jam 96 64%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Dodgy camera views and rough gameplay.

Small Soldiers 58%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
No variety, dull graphics and absolutely no link to the film.

Smash Court Tennis 57%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Slow and unresponsive tennis game.

Space Jam 65%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Dull movie-based cash-in basketball game with Bugs Bunny and co.

Spawn: The Eternal 32%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Useless blend of action and adventure. Avoid.

Speed King 45%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Slow, boring and about as exciting as watching an egg boil.

Speedster 64%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Top-down racer which lacks speed and playability.

Spice World 21%

Price £19.99 ■ Players 1
A shabby excuse for a game. Short and boring.

Spider 65%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Innovative platformer, but no better than average.

Sports Car GT 55%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
This is a loss racing game. It's slow and looks pants.

Starfighter 3000 60%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Doesn't look so hot, doesn't play well either. Dodgy shooter.

Star Wars: Masters of Teras Kasi 30%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Star Wars characters fighting. Could've been great but no.

Starwinder 58%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
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Street Fighter Collection 2 60%

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Strikepoint: The Hex Missions 66%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Poor helicopter game. Try Soviet Strike instead.

Striker 96 59%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-4
Just another rubbishy football game.

Super Match Soccer 33%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-8
Yawnsome footy game. For God's sake don't buy it.

Super Football Champ 46%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Dull, drab, bland... Get the idea about this footy turd?

Super Pang Collection 53%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Retro bubble-bursting arcade game. Too simple, really.

Swing 64%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1-2
Super-confusing puzzle game that's still strangely addictive.

T

Tai Fu 45%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
A kung fu tiger. That's a bad idea, and this is a bad game.

Ten Pin Alley 54%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-6
Novelty bowling game which looks and plays like a dog.

Test Drive: Off Road 46%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Devoid of excitement and playability. Looks dreadful too.

Test Drive 4 70%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Lots of tracks but ultimately this 'un's too slow and ugly.

Three Lions 50%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Awful to look at and rubbish to play. A real footy stinker.

Tommi Makinen Rally 50%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Rally effort ain't much cop. In fact it's pants.

Top Gun: Fire at Will 66%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Gung-ho movie spin-off not worth tracking down.

Trap Runner 50%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Run around mazes planting bombs to catch out your mates. Dull.

Trash It 57%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Platformer with big hammers. Shame it's just not interesting.

V

Versailles 10%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
A point 'n' click adventure. Redefines the word...

Viper 70%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Cackly controls spoil this great-looking chopper shoot 'em up.

Virtual Golf 57%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Nowhere near as good as Actua Golf 3. Not even close...

Virus 2000 70%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Rather average as space shoot 'em ups go.

VMX Racing 50%

Price £34.99 ■ Players 1
Dirt bike racer which looks a thousand years old. Well, almost.

VR Powerboat Racing 40%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Speedboat racing which is waaaaa nasty.

W

Wargods 59%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
3D fighting game with mushy graphics and lousy gameplay.

WCW Nitro 63%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
No great shakes from the OKish wrestler.

WCW Vs NWO Thunder 65%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Some all right bits, but overall this really isn't much to shout about.

Wing Commander IV 50%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1
Great video sequences and shaky gameplay.

Wingover 40%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
Boring aerial shoot 'em up with lotsa planes. Zzzz.

Wingover 2 51%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Short of flight sims we may be, but this is fairly poor.

World League Basketball 30%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-8
The worst b-ball game we've seen. Phew...

WWF in your House 48%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-4
Well below average wrestling game.

X,Y,Z

X2 58%

Price £44.99 ■ Players 1-2
A tedious shoot 'em up that's way too difficult.

Xenocracy 20%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
A real dog turd of a game.

X-Games Pro Boarders 69%

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Only to be trifled with if you're a mad keen snowboarding fiend.

YoYo's Puzzle Park 45%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
Stupid puzzle thing which'll stretch your patience.

Zeitgeist (Jupiter Strike) 43%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1
Slow, dumsy 3D shooting game which seriously lacks appeal.

Zero Divide 2 53%

Price £39.99 ■ Players 1-2
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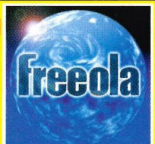
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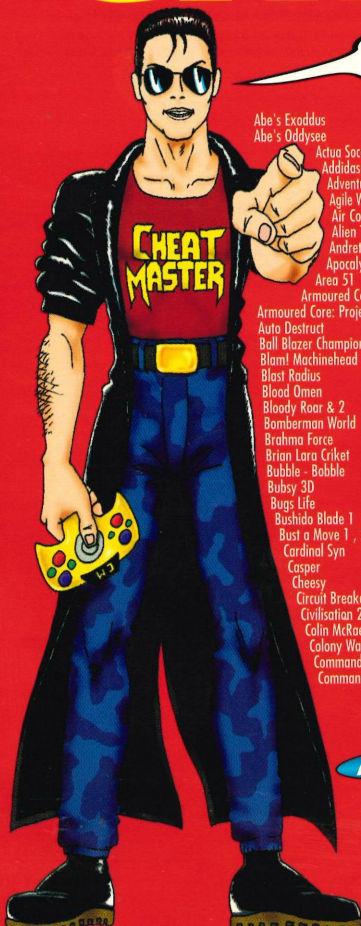
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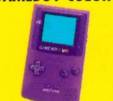
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